#### Return of all exiles demanded by April

AMMAN (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials said on Sunday they would demand Israel allow all 1,600 Palestinians expelled from the occupied territories since 1967 to return by next April. They said the PLO expects about 200 expellers to return to their homes in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip by the end of November. "The PLO will submit a list of all the deportees to Israeli negotiators in Taba and will demand that the return of the last of the deportees coincide with the withdrawal of the last Israeli soldier from Gaza and Jericho scheduled for April," said Marwan Barghouti, a PLO official who was exiled in 1987. Under the Israeli-PLO accord signed in September, Israeli troops are to withdraw from the Gaza. signed in September, Israeli troops are to withdraw from the Gaza-Strip and Jericho over a four-month period starting in December. A PLO official said Palestinian negotiators will also demand Israel agree in the phased release of all its 12,000 Palestinian prisoners by April. According to Palestinian figures, Israel has expelled 1,600 Palestinians since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war — 94 of them after a revolt against the occupation erupted in 1987. That does not include 400 expelled last December, who will all be home by the end of the year.



**UAE stresses boycott adherence** 

ABU DHABI (AP) — The United Arab Emirates reminded business firms Sunday of the need for detailed certificates of origin for all imports, a formality designed to prevent Israeli products from filtering into the country. The local branch of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office, which is attached to the Ministry of Commerce and Economy, Office, which is authorized to the remaining in old identify the exporting said in a circular than the certificates should identify the exporting country and company, list the commodities and provide the name ar address of the manufacturing country and firm. On the strength of the information, imports would be given the ministry's approval and clearly marked: "This shipment is not banned from entering Arab ports..." The UAE circular apparently was aimed at countering any speculation that the Abu Dhabi government would unitaterally drop or ease the boycott. Publicly, the Gulf Cooperation Council alliance in Quar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain remains committed to the Arab League resolutions that enforced the boycott four decades ago. The ban not only includes Israeli products, but also boycotts Israeli firms and fareign companies that deal with the Jewish state. These include dozens of U.S. and other Western firms.

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#### King sends cable to Baidh

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Sunday congratulated Yemeni Vice-President Salem Ali Al Baidh on the escape of his two sons from an attack Saturday by Yemeni gunmen. The Yemeni vice-president's nephew was killed in the attack. In a cable he sent to Mr. Baidh Sunday, King Hussein expressed deep sorrow at the death of Mr. Baidh's nephew and expressed his heartfelt condolences.

#### King meets outgoing Syrian ambassador

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received Syrian ambassador to Jordan Majid Abu Saleh, who called at the Royal Court to bid farewell to the King on the occasion of the end of his tour of duty in Jordan.

#### Yemenis urge trial of killers

SANAA (R) — The funeral of the slain nephew of Yemen's vice-president took place peacefully Sunday, hut thousands of marching stu-dents in Aden demanded that the killers be hrought to justice. Witnesses said thousands of students marched through Aden, the stronghold of Vice-President Ali Salem Al Baidh, after the funeral of his nephew Kamel Al Hamed, a university student in his early 20s. They demanded that the killers, who have not been caught yet, be found and put on trial, Official sources said unidentified gunmen opened fire from a speeding car outside Hamed's home catly on Friday. Two of Mr. Baidh's sons, Nail and Yanouf, escaped unhurt, Mr. Baidh's party, the Yemen Socialist Party (YSP), has denounced the killing as fresh evidence of a plot to divide Yemen following a 1990 merger between the north and south.

#### Aideed followers stage anti-U.N. rally

MOGADISHU (R) - Anti-U.N. protests rang out in Mogadishu Sunday and an aide to warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed said a visiting U.S. envoy would be wasting his time if he did not talk peace directly with General Aideed's party. About 2,000 followers of Gen. Aideed's Somali National Alliance (SNA) staged the protest on the eve of a visit by envoy Robert Oak-ley, charged with helping refocus U.S. policy on a political settlement in Somalia and ending bloody confrontations. Protesters directed their anger at the United Nations and its Secretary-General Boutros Ghali, accused by Gen. Aideed's camp of turning a U.N. peace mission into an intervention force.

#### Tourabl calls meeting to settle disputes

KHARTOUM (AP) - The man who is the power behind Sudan's Islamic government said Sunday he was calling a conference of Arah and Muslim leaders to settle their various disputes --- and show Sudan is not sponsoring "ter-Hassan Tourabi, a ronsm." veteran Sudanese politician. told reporters the meeting in December would aim at ending disputes between warring factinns within Muslim nations but would include leaders and thinkers from non-Islamie countries. He noted that he also hoped the meeting would change the minds of some countries the have accused his Khartoum-based popular Arab and Islamic cunference of supporting international "terror-ism." 'We are sure they will see for themselves that there is no lerrorism in the whole iden," he said.

#### U.N. suspends Sarajevo airilft

SARAJEVO (R) - The United Nations temporarily suspended emergency aid flights to besieged Sarajevo Sunday after unidentified forces sprayed the airport runway with guntire, wounding a French officer.

# 2 Palestinians killed amid settler rampage

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Two Palestinians died Sunday, one of them stabbed by Israeli settlers and the other shot hy Israeli soldiers, as settlers continued a rampage in the occupied terri-

Settlers warned they would adopt the violent methods of a Palestinian group, which earher claimed responsibility for the murder of a settler.

Settler spokesman Aaron Domh said on Israeli radio that if Jews were prevented from moving around the West Bank normally and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin compared the settlers to the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas). "we shall start hehaving like

Mr. Rabin Saturday night criticised both Hamas and Israeli settlers hostile to peace between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Mr. Domb said settlers would block main roads in the West Bank again Monday and would "continue to throw stones at Palestinian cars, and set fire to them."

ments comparing us to Hamas tear at the heart of the Jewish nation," said Mr. Domh.

Dozens of settlers placed hurning tyres across main roads early Sunday, outraged at the killing of 23-year-old Chaim Mizrahi hy Palestinian militants, following his abduction Friday.

The harricades were removed a few hours later by the army with no resistance from the Jews, military officials said.

The armed wing of Hamas, Izzeddin Al Qassem, claimed responsibility for the attack Sunday, saying it "knifed the Jewish settler and burned his

The charred remains of Mizrahi, an egg merchant from the Beth El settlement in the Ramallah region, were found in the burned-out wreck of a Peugeot on Saturday near Al Bireh, where he was abducted.

Mr. Rabin said after violent demonstrations by settlers Saturday that "the opponents of peace on the Israeli side threw stones and burned cars to target Arabs.

"Our task is to beat the enemies and opponents of peace, because either of them

could pull down the peace process in which we have engaged hy fanning the flames," the premier said.

An Israeli settler killed a Palestinian who allegedly stab-bed him in the hand and back near the entrance to the Gaza

Palestinian reporters said Tamer Zeyara, 21, of Gaza City was shot during an argu-ment with the Israeli over

Sunday's second killing was of a Palestinian who was shot by Israeli soldiers when the driver of the car he was travelling did not stop at a checkpoint, reports said.

Since the autonomy plan was signed, four Israeli civilians and two soldiers have been killed, reportedly hy\_Islamie fundamentalists. Twelve Palestinians have also been killed during the same period.

The official leadership of the Jewish settlers announced that starting Monday, they would not allow Arah cars headed to work to travel on the West Bank roads from 4:30 a.m. to 7.00 a.m. (0230 GMT to 0500 GMT) "as their contribution to national security,"

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# Jordan has 'no fear whatsoever' of cooperation with Israel after outstanding problems are resolved

WASHINGTON (R) — King Hussein has "no fear what-soever" of cooperation with Israel, he said in an interview published Saturday in U.S. News World Report.

In the interview conducted this week, King Hussein told the magazine he saw tremendous opportunities growing out of greater cooperation with Israel following the Israel-Palestinian accord signed in Washington Sept.

"In the past, one might say we've been the best of enemies. In the context of peace, I think the possibilities ... are unhelievable for joining together to secure a better future for everyone," the magazine quoted him as

saying.
King Hussein said some Jordanians were afraid of



forging links to Israel, but he disagreed.
"I have no fear whatsoev-

er. This is a period of very rapid movement," he said, although he noted that many issues needed to be resolved could be signed. He said it was also important to "huild a solid foundation of trust" between Jordan and the Palestinians before

Peres: Israel does not want

ecoperation agreements

jumping into any confedera-

"Let's dispel all these misconceptions of our having any ambitions except to move ahead and secure the freedom for people to eventually decide what they want," he

"We need time. So much damage over the years can only be altered through real cooperation."

King Hussein said he was confident the Palestinians would master negotiations and planning for the start of self-rule in Gaza and the West Bank city of Jericho in December.

But he stressed that it was also important that "they ensure their credibility, that they stick to the letter of the agreements, that the leadership represent all Palesti-

### "The prime minister's state-" Rabin to seek U.S. assurances

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will ask President Bill Clinton for U.S. security assurences next week in exchange for Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, an Israeli daily reported Sunday.

Mr. Rahin moved his scheduled visit to the United States up two weeks to accelerate the peace process with Syria, the report said.

would not confirm or deny the report in the mass-circulation Yedioth Ahronoth.

"We do not publicly discuss issues on the agenda between the prime minister and the president," spokesman Oded Ben-Ami said.

Mr. Ben-Ami confirmed that Mr. Rabin was scheduled to meet with Mr. Clinton in Washington on Nov. 12, although this was subject to change.

The report, which did not cite sources, said Mr. Rabin would ask Mr. Clinton to include Israel at the highest level of intelligence sharing, and to permit the sale of modern weapons systems to Israel. Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's

ambassador to Washington and the leader of the bilateral talks with Syria, told the daily Haaretz newspaper it was Syrian President Hafez Al Assad who was delaying the talks.

"He has not changed his position until now, and that makes progress very difficult,"

Haaretz quoted Mr. Rahinovich as saying. "He wants to come to an arrangement on his terms, regarding substance and regarding how to achieve the

President Assad said Saturday that Syrian-Israeli peace talks could eventually make progress but he did not say if Syria would take part in a next round of negotiations in Washington.

"We consider the peace process to be continuing. It has not broken down. When it breaks down it breaks down for good," he told reporters at Latakia airport, where be was saying goodhye to visiting Egyptian President Hosni

# 2 French hostages rescued in Algeria

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Algerian security forces have freed two of three French consular staff kidnapped a week ago, Algerian Television announced Sunday.

The two were freed late Saturday after "a massive search operation" the government statement said. A search was under way for

the third person, Michele Thevenot, the wife of one of the two men freed, the television said. The statement said Jean-

Claude Thevenot and Alam Freissier were in "good health." The two flew out late Sunday on a French military

The three employees of the French consulate here were kidnapped by suspected Islamie fundamentalists as they (Continued on page 5)

#### to control Palestinian economy TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel has no intention of con-The minister said a sharedtrolling the economy of the

occupied territories once Palestinian autonomy has gone into effect, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday. Mr. Peres, who was addressing more than 2,000 business-

men at a conference, said Israel had not "given up terri-tory in order to control the lives of the Palestinians." We have no intention of acting as bosses over their economy," he added.

The conference delegates included several hundred Palestinians and a delegation of about 10 Moroccan businessmen.

Mr. Peres proposed the ereation of an "economic triangle" consisting of Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian territories, "because our economies are indivisible and we share the same riches in the Jordan Valley and the Dead

international airport could be built in Jordan near the Red Sea, along with a port used by Jordan, Israel and the Palesti-

"The future of the region bes in raising its inhabitants' living standards, because poverty is a breeding ground for Muslim fundamentalism, and the Arab leaders know that that is more dangerous than Israel," Mr Peres said.
Israel and the Palestine Li-

beration Organisation (PLO) signed an autonomy deal on Sept. 13 in Washington, and Jordan and Israel signed an agenda for peace the next day.

At Sunday's conference Israel's Koor Industries conglomerate launched a joint venture with Spanish, Moroccan and Palestinian investors for the occupied West Bank

and Gaza Strip. "I announce Salam 2000, a project launched by Koor for investment in the territories. It is a joint venture by Palestinians, Israelis and Europeans," chief executive officer Benjamin Gaon told the Jerusalem Business Conference 93.

Mr. Gaon said plans included projects for cement, food, transport, phones, construction and agriculture. Mario Conde, president of the Spanish hank Banco Espa-

nol de Credito-Banesto, said the bank was committing \$60 million. Banesto is Spain's third largest bank, with more than \$50 hillion in deposits. The Moroecan party is Omninm Nord Africain

(ONA) and the Palestinian group of investors is headed hy international businessman Jawid Gussein-Mr. Gaon said the group was

planning to list its shares in New York with the goal of raising another \$100 to \$150 million in capital. He said he hoped Arab-Americans would

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# Karak, a cradle of politicians, turns tribal in run-up to polls

This is the second in a series of articles on candidates, their campaigns, strategies and chances for the Nov. 8 elections in individual constituencies:

#### From Lamis K. Andoni in Karak

AT DUSK, men start arriving at the big bedouin tents. framed with white hulbs, to express support for and solidarity with a prominent conservative politician from one of Karak's leading tribes.

The tribe elders and community leaders are seated on eoloured martresses and chairs in the centre of the tents, while other supporters line up rows of plastie chairs hrought in for the occasion. There is hardly any discussion of politics — the elders have absolute confidence in

the "tribe's son" and their major concern is to help him secure a seat in the domed Parliament House in Am-Unlike four years ago. when an influential candidate of the same tribe lost to

younger and more opposition. minded politicians, the prospects for the conservatives to dominate the scene seem much stronger this time The majority of the 64 candidates contesting

Karak's eight seats belongs to a traditionalist background. including a high number of former army officers who do not challenge government policies. Many of them, according to observers in Karak, nominated themselves or were "encouraged" by people of influence to run in order to burn the leftist

candidates." There are at least six leftist candidates - including a representative of the Progressive Socialist Party, an offshoot of the Jordanian Communist Party, Issa Mdanat, a candidate of the Arah Baathist Party, Abdul Wahah Talacen, two independent pan-Arahists, Samir Hahashneh, who belongs to the Progressive Arab Party, but who is running independently Yassin, and Sultan Tarawneh, a former Baathist who joined opposition to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in

But the competition is tough on all sides; the Islamists have backed a candidate to weaken the chances of a senior former official, while the leftists and pan-Arah nationalists seem to be undercutting each other by failing to agree on a unified

Mr. Habashneh, a writer and agriculture expert, is said to have strong chances since he has been the only leftist in Karak who has his tribe's full backing and is mainly depending on their votes to reach Parliament.

The introduction of the one-person, one-vote system has practically scuttled all efforts for alliances and the usual vote-hartering that used to be practised among tribes and political groups. The one-person, one-vote approach, as traditionalists and leftists agree, makes it difficult for any hloc to lead Karak in the elections, and hence weakens chances for the domination of one group, hut at the same time pits all



groups against each other at the expense of common platforms - at least as the elec-

toral map suggests in Karak.
Thus the campaigns in Karak are highly individualistic while political platforms are definitely the focal point of the candidates. The multicoloured hanners, in contrast to Amman's mostly white hanners, that line the narrow streets of the old city reflect a prevailing trend of an almost opposition- campaign in its slogans. Furthermore, the parties contesting the elections, with the exception of the Islamie Action Front, are not advertising their candidates as such hut as individuals - in a sign of the irrelevance so far of any party appeal vis-a-vis tribal affilia-

The "apolitical" manifestations of the campaigns, however, reflect a highly political contest in terms of the clash of interests between the traditionalists and the left-of the centre, left and pan-Arabists, or in more general terms, between the conservative traditionalists and those who want to expand the system.

ladging by the highly mohilised and funded campaigns of the conservatives, tribalism, favouritism and family allegiances are replacing party affiliations, political platforms and debates.

If this continues to be the case, the npcoming elections could prove to be a reversal of a trend that reached its peak during the Gulf crisis. when younger and more politicised members of the elan seemed to have undercut the influence of the tribal chiefs who wanted to support Saudi Arabia and the war against Iraq.

There are no attempts hy the tribal elders to defend or justify their positions in that period. In fact the atmosphere at the hig tents adjacent to a modern villa and turquoise-domed small mosque is tranquil, relaxed, and almost festive. The air of confidence seems to reflect a determined will by the conservatives and traditionalists to make a strong comeback to the helm of Karak leadership — in their view whether it is a ministerial post or parliamentary seat makes little difference - for leadership is their right place.

The scene contrasts sharply with more "politicised" and tense campaigns of pan-Arab and leftist independents, or party representatives, who feel intimidated and threatened by the wide-scale campaigns of their oppo-

nents. They try to undercut their conservative opponents hy "politicising" the election campaign and "alerting" people against what they de-scribe as "sharp sethack in political freedoms" and "official interferences" hy the local government in favour of conservative candidates.

"We are now living in an atmosphere of political suffocation." Dirgham Halassa,

THE FOLLOWING are the names and affiliations of some of the major candidates running in Karak;
— Adnan Al Majali, Abdullah Al Majali, Ahmad Kassass-

beb and Hussein Al Tarawneh (candidates of the Islamic - Mahmoud Hweimel, Mntaeyer Al Bustanji (former deputies), and Jamil Al A'shoush (all three independent

— Pan-Arab nationalists running as independents — Samir Habashneh, Muwafaq Al Rahayfeh Al Hamaydeh, Jamal Ahu

Nawas, Yassin Tarawnch.

Conservatives running independently:

— Abdul Hadi Al Majali.

— Jamal Al Sarairah (former minister).

— Mansour Ben Tarif (former official).

 Yousef Mbaideen (former justice minister). - Khaled Tarawneh (retired senior army officer).

Strong contenders for the two Christian seats: - Isa Mdanat (former deputy and leader of the Progressive Socialist Party).

- Dr. Nazih Amarin, former deputy (won in 1984 by-elections but lost in 1989). Dr. Abdullah Zreikal. Hani Hjazin. - Abdul Wahah Dlaeen, the candidate of the Arah Baath

Socialist Party. - Bahjat Al Majali, a liberal independent, who is backed hy prominent Majali clan members who did not vote in favour of the clan council's candidate, Abdul Hadi Al Majali.

an eloquent speaker, said in a drove around Mr. Mdanat's speech he made to rally supheadquarters hlowing the port for Mr. Mdanat, prior to the supreme court's decision to revoke the ban on political rallies in an obvious attempt to focus the campaign on highly political issues.

Mr. Halassa's comments

reflect the frustrations of a cornered left, which now finds itself the target of organised campaigns by traditionalists who are exploiting the one-person, one-vote system to strip the campaign of any political substance.

Mr. Halassa was interrupted three times, once by a wedding parade and twice hy shouting supporters of a former government official, who

horns of their cars non-stop. But even veteran political party candidates concede that the country's first multi-party election campaigns, at least in Karak, are not politicised.

Unlike the elections campaign in 1989, the political issues have been pushed back in favour of needs for direct services that people expect from the future deputy," Mr. Mdanat, who had spent 12 years in jail for his political beliefs as a communist, noted

with disappointment. Mr. Mdanat was the only representative of the Jordan Communist Party (JCP) in the former Parliament after winning 10,000 votes for one of the two Christian seats in

Karak. During the last campaign party members had to run as individuals since political parties had been hanned. Consequently, at least in theory, political parties' candidates stand a better chance in the coming elections after the legalisation of political parties and lifting of martial law. But on the ground, the situation is very different.

struggle. An observer spending the day in Karak could immediately detect an atmosphere of apathy, or at least absence of enthusiasm, over

Party candidates admit this

election will be an uphill

the elections campaign.
The apparent political apathy contradicts the history of Karak, which has produced leading Jordanian politicians and activists in all political trends. The prevailing lack of interest attitude defies the reputation of Karak as a stronghold for leftist movements and pan-

Arah nationalism. Interviews with candidates, supporters and some residents, however, gradually

help in unveiling the nuzzle. For the last four years. since the country's first elections, most of Karak residents did not feel involved in the political struggles that

were raging in Parliament. Many hlame the Karak deputies for failing to keep in touch with their constituents and with the people's problems and demands.

"How come we only see them when they need our

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street in Amman is bedecked with banners proclaiming the platforms of candidates in the Nov. 8 elections (Photo by Ayneley Floyd).

# Hustings get into high gear ahead of Nov. 8 elections

By Saad Hattar Agence France Presse

AMMAN - The campaign for Jordan's first multi-party elec-tion in almost four decades, set for Nov. 8, is in full swing and expected to cost more than \$50 million.

Dozens of huge tents have been erected on empty lots around the country to serve asbases for nearly 550 candidates, scattered over 20 constituencies, vying for the 80-seat Lower House of Parliament.

Under the tents, cups of Arabic coffee are passed from hand to hand, in keeping with tradition, amidst a heated political debate.

"The average expenses for candidates run in the region of \$7,500," said Samih Maaytah, spokesman for the 36 candidates of the Islamic Action Front, an off-shoot of the powerful Muslim Brother-

The costs include non-stop coffee hospitality, banners and the non-refundable JD 500 fee to run in the election.

Expenses for some candi-

dates are expected to hit Jordan's first multi party elec-JD 70,000 to cover daily meals of mutton, one-page newspaper advertisements showing the smiling candidate and a hudget

to enlist campaign workers.
In some cases, Mr. Maaytah noted, candidates pay as much as JD 50 for a single vote. Former Deputy Fakhri Kawar, who is running in Amman, complained that candidates were paying as much as

JD 100 for a single vote in. some parts of the capital. The government has stressed would stay neutral.

"We never intervene in favour or against any candisaid one source, while noting that candidates are all barred time on governmentowned television and radio sta-

Jamil Nimri, editor of Al' Ahali weekly who is running in Irbid, north of Amman, on a leftist party slate, said his ex-penses fell within the lower

end, at below JD 5,000. But independent candidate Awni Bashir has set a much higher ceiling. He is expected to spend almost JD 15,000 in

# Arafat again urges Israel to release Hamas chief Yassin

and he was unworried hy it.

haven't any problem," he said.

ture was far more troubling, he

said, noting that the PLO had

commitments for only \$500 million of the \$1.7 billion it

needed in the first year of

"Israel and all the Arabs are in need of a Marshall plan for the whole area," be said, refer-ring to the U.S. programme to

foster economic recovery in

"Right now, we have to start

Mr. Arafat said he hoped to

get increased help from the

Gulf states but bad recently

also met with the American

Jewish Congress about fund-

ing. Ten members of Israel's

Likud opposition party were

also coming to see him, he

"There is no turning hack,"

The Palestinian leader said

he had "everything ready to go" for the December start of

self-rule in Gaza and Jericho,

although things were "going more slowly than scheduled."

Initially, he said the PLO

would coordinate supervision

of the border to Gaza and the

bridges across the River Jor-

Handing over supervision

would take one to four

months, but Mr. Arafat said he

boped it would be completed

before his arrival in Jericho in

likely travel to Jericho by land

from Gaza or via the bridge from

Jordan. He also said the next

meeting of the Palestine National Council would take

place in Jericho or Gaza, but

gave no date dor the meeting.

Mr. Arafat said he would

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The region's economic fu-

WASHINGTON (R) -Palestinian leader Yasser Ara-fat again nrged Israel to release the founder of the Muslim fundamentalist movement Hamas from prison in an interview published Saturday by U.S. News World Report.

In the interview, conducted this week at Mr. Arafat's headquarters in Tunis, the Palestinian leader said it was imperative to release Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, who is ill.

"It is not a bribe, it is a matter of principle," the magazine quoted him as saying. Mr. Arafat said he had repeatedly discussed the issue with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has pledged to "go

"I told him we are now in a new atmosphere. I am responsible for all Palestinians." he said.

after the Hamas movement."

The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, opposes the Palestinian self-rule deal Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed in Washington Sept. 13. The two sides began negotia-

tions this month on implementing the deal, under which Palestinians self-rule will begin in December in Gaza and the West Bank town of

Israel recently released Salim Hussein Zerai, the longest-beld prisoner from Mr. Arafat's Fateb movement, after 23 years in prison for attacks on Israeli soldiers. Bnt Mr. Rabin cancelled

plans to release fundamentalist activists along with 617 other Palestinian prisoners freed Monday after two hitchhiking soldiers were killed in the Gaza Strip last Sunday by Hamas guerrillas disguised as religious

Mr. Arafat said opposition by Hamas to the peace accord

# PLO leader wants to know why Nusseibeh wants leave

The Jernsalem Post

SARI NUSSEIBEH, one of the senior political figures in the territories, was summoned to Tunis on Wednesday, following his decision to leave for a year of academic research in the U.S., his wife confirmed vesterday. Nusseibeh, 44, who headed

the technical and political committees hacking the now defunct local delegation to the peace talks, recently decided to accept a one-year fellowship in philosophy at the Woodrow Wilson Centre of Advanced Studies in Washington. The academie year begins next

A source close to PLO leader Yasser Arafat told the Jerusalem Post that "reliable sources in Tunis" told him that "Arafat offered Nusseibeh the opportunity to be in charge of economie affairs in the selfgoverning authority" if he stayed. The source speculated that Nusseibeh was manenvering for a better political situation, because "Arafat said thetechnical committees would become nnll and void, leaving Nusseibeb frustrated."

Nusseibeh has always denied having political ambitions. He dismissed a newspaper report

last year which named him as future prime minister in a Palestinian cabinet. Despite his support for Arafat, he is known to think that his own political prestige, malike that of delegation members, was independent of Arafat's goodwill, as he is considered one of the few members of the Palestinian elite with substantial grass

roots support.

East Jerusalem sources close to Nusseibeh said that his decision was influenced by death threats and a belief that Arafat has no intention of holding free elections next year. They speculated that Nusseibeh is acting with political acumen.

If something goes wrong and he apparently thinks it will -he doesn't want to be associated with it," one source said. "If everything goes all right, he can always come hack.

Lucy Nusseibeh told the Post ber busband has wanted to go abroad for the past three years, and is doing so now because the political situation is more positive than it has ever been. The question of his taking a

sabbatical abroad was first raised during his four-month detention by the authorities in 1991. But he did not go then because "he did want to give



the impression of having in an agreement" with the little authorities, she said. She did not rule day possibility that the PLO give her busband a political role to play in Washington, but doubted that he would post-

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tical role bere. Hassan Abu Libdeh, the de-puty head of the technical committees who will take over Nusseibeb's position, said the committees are not defunct. With the prospect of self-rule around the corner, their planning and advisory role has become more preent than ever.

pone his sabbatical for a poli-

#### U.S. may have blown the whistle on anti-Saddam plot by dissidents the newspaper said.

LONDON (AP) - The United States refused to support a plot by Iraqi dissidents to kill President Saddam Hussein and may have betrayed the coup plotters, the Sunday Times of

London reported, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agents held three days of secret talks with the Iraqis in London last November, the newspaper said, qnoting Sa'ad Jabr, a London-hased Iraqi dissident who arranged the meetings.

The coup plotters were Sunni Muslims, members of the minority sect which has long supported President Saddam, the Sunday Times said.

Most were from the Iraqi leader's bometown of Tikrit or from Mosul, the northern city whose men are most prominent in the Iraqi officer corps. The Sunday Times said the

Iraqi dissidents wanted American planes to bomb two military camps to create chaos. Senior officers at the camps, the Al Rasheed, 15 kilometres south of Baghdad, and Al Tail about 50 kilometres to the

it said. The plot was already far advanced when the Americans were called in, and the talks.

north, would then seize power,

As a sign of good faith, the Iraqis named 10 officers involved in the plot, it said. The Americans said they wanted to check how well-placed the plotters were.

After months of silence, the Clinton administration said it would not back the plot because turmoil in Iraq could endanger the Middle East peace process, the Sunday Times said.

Jabr passed the message on to the plotters and assumed they would scrap their plans. Instead, they decided to go ahead with the assassination attempt in Baghdad on July 17, when President Saddam attended a parade marking the anniversary of his Baath Party's 1968 seizure of power.

On July 15, Colonel Safiyan Al Ghureiri, commander of a tank battalion of the elite Re-. publican Guard, was summoned to "review plans" for the parade, and was arrested, the newspaper said. Hundreds of other officers and retired officers were imprisoned and interrogated over the next few

days, it said. Jabr was quoted as saying he suspected somebody connected with the Americans bet-

raved the operation because all of the 10 officers on the list given to the CIA were arrested.

The newspaper said most of the coup plotters "were probably executed."

The schedule and location of the parade were changed in-case any conspirators had escaped. Those involved in the London talks included Jassem

Mouklas, an influential lawyer

from Tikrit, and Sheikh Taleb Al Suheil, an Iraqi dissident living in Jordan, It said unnamed American officials confirmed the talks

had taken place, but gave no further details. There have been reports of

several abortive coup plots or assassination attempts against.
President Saddam in recent weeks, although none have been independently confirmed. Reports in October also said

President Saddam's security forces had rounded up nun dreds of members of his Tikriti clan and other prominent Sunni Muslims in the biggest purge since he crushed rebellions by Shiite Muslims and Kurdish separatists right after the 1991 Gulf war.

# Indonesia wants to sell more helicopters to Iran

BANDUNG, Indonesia (R) --Indonesia's state-run pt IPTN hopes to sell 14 French-designed civilian Super Puma helicopters to Iran for \$10 to \$12 million each, sources close to the company say. "It has already been agreed

to sell seven non-military Super Pumas to Iran and after that we plan to sell seven one source said at IPTN's assembly plant near ig, west java. The sources, close to IPTN President-Director Jusuf Habi-

ters had been delivered because of payment problems. They gave no details. Iran and Indonesia, both

(CAN)

bie, said none of the helicop-

Muslim-dominated countries and oil exporters, agreed last year to boost bilateral non-oil trade to \$1 billion a year from \$200 million.

Foreign sales are needed badly by IPTN (Industri Pesawat Terhang Nusantara), criticised by the World Bank for relying on a protected domestie market despite massive state investment of more than \$1 billion since 1979.

IPIN, which also assembles Super Pumas under ilicence for mibtary use, says it is not allowed to sell weapons over-

"We are not allowed to export weapons. The huyer is only the (Indonesian) Ministry

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Of Defence," Jusuf Habibie, who is also Indonesia's research and technology minister, told reporters at Bandung, 180 kilometres from Jakarta.

tions since 1956.

million.

The economic daily Al

Aswaq has estimated the over-

all expenses at some JD 35

Sweet shops are working in top gear. Sheep prices have doubled since the launch of the

election campaign amidst

growing demand for mutton.

the main ingredient of the popular dish called mansaf.

"We trade a goat for at least JD 100," said a contented

butcher on the outskirts of

Amman. Voters expect mansaf.

banquets and knafah, a tradi-

The campaign has also con-

tributed to a temporary easing

of unemployment, officially

estimated at 14 per cent. Many

candidates have recruited

young men to muster popular

"Over the past four months, I've received JD 100 a month,

and a pledge to enroll my

brother in a university," says

Majed Abdul Aziz, who serves

as a candidate's driver and

bodyguard.

tional Arab sweet.

Inside one of IPTN's assembly plants, at least five Super Pumas with space for 15 civilians and crew appeared com-In other areas, completed

aircraft and ordinary Pumas were at the end of assembly unes where the appeared small. The sources close to Mr.

Habibie said Iran told IPTN it wanted the helicopters for oil industry operations.

"Some people think they will be used for military pur-

they saw Mr. Habibie is pushing tech-

nology development in Indonesia as a way to make the country modern and competi-

IPTN, a cornerstone of Indonesia's so-called strategie industries, which also include steel and sbipping, devotes only seven per cent of its investment to weapons, Mr.

Foreign operators, ranging from Thailand and Malaysia to Gabon and Chile, have 56 IPTN-produced aircraft. Only one Super Puma is listed as having gone overseas.

# Swedes say **Kuwaitis** in Iraq jail

KUWAIT (R) - Two Swedes recently freed from jail in Baghdad said Sunday two men who said they were Kuwaitis captured by Iraqis during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis had been Iraq denied it bolds any

Kuwaitis taken captive during its seven-month occupation of the emirate in 1990-91.

Kuwait claims Iraq holds over 550 Kuwaitis arrested

#### during the occupation, went into "extensive details," For Israelis, peace means good life and better earnings

By Dan Perry The Associated Press

TEL AVIV - Danny Segal went to America three years ago in search of higher wages and to escape army reserve duty in the Gaza Strip. After the signing of the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace accord, he decided to come home. Mr. Segal found a country

transformed. "Everyone is talking about raising easy money through the stock market or from foreign or local investors," said the 31-year-old computer prog-

Among the enticements, Mr. Segal said, are the economie prospects of an Israel at peace and burgeoning interest from potential employers offering salaries similar to what he earned in the United States - up to \$3,000 a month.
"All you need to do is look at the number of start-np companies," he said.

Mr. Segal's homecoming this month seemed to bear out the predictions of those who have argued that a painful compromise with the PLO would bring war-weary Israelis hard cash and a good life.

Israelis "increasingly just want to make money, stay with the kids, and not go to reserve army duty," said Robert Rosenberg, a novelist and so-cial commentator in Tel Aviv. Right-wing opposition lead-

er Benjamin Netanyahu aceuses the government of spreading unfounded euphoria about the economie windfalls of peace. With Foreign Minister Shi-

mon Peres talking about a

Middle East common market,

joint Israeli-Arab airports and

the region turning green via Israeli irrigation techniques, some experts believe Mr. Netanyahu may have a point.

Predictions that Israel will become "the Hong Kong of the Middle East" and a tourist centre are dreams, said Eli Saguy, a Tel Aviv University economist.

Mr. Saguy believes Israeli access to Arab markets will not have nearly the impact some expect. Israel can generate much greater revenue from high-tech exports to Western markets than by selling vegetables to Arab states, he said. But the government is right in linking peace and prosperity.

"We foresee a very good decade of some seven per cent annual growth. This is unequivocally conditioned on the peace process continuing and advancing in the right direction," he said. "Without it.

we're in bad shape."

With a reduction in military expenditures, resources will be freed for education and infrastructure, the kinds of investments that will raise living standards, he said.

A study conducted by Economie Models, a Tel Aviv thinktank, also foresees buge growth in foreign investment. with American companies becoming an integral part of the economy.

Japan and European countries, freed of the Arah boycott of Israel, would also provide a boost, the study said.

Israel and the PLO signed the accord for Palestinian autonomy on Sept. 13. But Mr. Saguy said Israel's road to prosperity began in the mid-1980s and accelerated with the arrival of hundreds of thousands of highly skilled immigrants from the former

Soviet Union.

Israel is now a relatively prosperous country, with an export-driven, high-tech economy generating a standard of living already higher than parts of the European Community. Industrial production and exports are both up some 25

Among other signs of the - The Tel Aviv stock exchange, one of the most profitable in the world in 1992, has gone up 15 per cent since the

per cent in the past two years,

according to official statistics.

peace accord was announced. - American chains such as Tower Records, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, the Gap and Hard Rock cafe are becoming local — Top pop acts such as Michael Jackson, Madonna,

Bob Dylan and Elton John

have all played Israel recently.

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NAMING A PRINCE: His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Sunday attend a special ceremony to celebrate the naming of His Royal Highness Prince Omar Ben Faisal.

Prince Omar was named by his grandfather King Hussein. He is the second child of Their Royal Highnesses Prince Faisal and Princess Alia: Their first child, Princess Aya, is three years old (Petra photo)

### who was born Friday Oct. 22. Seminar aims to create opportunities in resources development sectors

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seminar entitled "Jordan Infrastructure Development" (JID) will be held at the Forte Grand Hotel today (Monday) in order to create new opportunities for British companies to contribute to the development of three key sectors in Jordan water, energy and mineral resources, according to a state-

The seminar aims to encourage a mutually beneficial partnership between British companies and Jordanian government organisations and private companies, the statement said. The one-day briefing aims

give firms a highly fo-

cused and intensive briefing on and Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick). the three sectors.

- enable U.K. companies to meet Jordanian counterparts and senior officials in the formal sessions and over lunch and an evening reception, and provide advice on follow-

The JID . seminar is organised by a group led by the British embassy in Amman and comprising two Jordanian companies (Amin Kawar and Sons Company, and the Arab Potash Company) and four British companies already in Jordan (British Bank of the Middle East, Merz and MeLel-

lan, G. Wimpey International

According to the statement, the seminar will be attended by more than 40 British participants representing 27 British companies, in addition to, the Department of Trade and Industry in London and the Arab-British Chamber of

The ministries of Planning. Water and Irrigation and Energy and Mineral Resources will give presentations on current and future infrastructure development plans.

Other government organisa-tions and around 30 Jordanian companies will participate in the seminar.

# Jordan to receive DM 11m in German technical aid

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan is to receive 11 million German marks (DM) in technical aid from Germany for the Ministry of Agriculture and the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ), in accordance with the terms of three memoranda signed in Amman Sunday.

The first memorandum provides DM 3 million to benefit the Agricultural Extension Service and a project now being implemented in cooperation with the German Agency for Technicat Cooperation (GTZ) to improve the quality of products.

The assistance to be provided will be in the form of experts, computers and other equipment, as well as specially equipped vehicles for agricultural projects.

The second memorandum, worth D M 5.5 million, provides technical assistance for WAJ operations and the maintenance of water netfrom pipes. This project is being executed by WAJ in

cooperation with GTZ.
GTZ will provide training to ordanian personnel in operating and maintaining water equipment and networks, as well as expertise in managing water networks, land surveys and the finances of these activi-

Under the third memoran-dum, DM 2.5 million will be provided in consultancy services to WAJ to help it conduct studies on underground water resources. GTZ will supply the experts, vehicles and computers among other equipment needed for the project, which is being executed in coopera-tion with the Natural Resources Authority (NRA).
Minister of Planning Ziad

Fariz and German Ambassador to Jordan Heinrich Reiners signed the memoranda at the Ministry of Planning.



Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz (second from right) and German Ambassador to Jordan Heinrich Reiners (centre) Sunday sign three

randa whereby Germany will provide Jordan with DM 11 million worth of technical aid (Petra photo)

**EC** grant

finance cost

of elections

general elections.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The

European Community (EC)

delegation in Jordan Sunday

granted the Kingdom JD550,000 to help finance the

cost of conducting the 1993

Interior Minister Salameh -

Hammad, who signed the .

grant agreement, voiced Jor-

dan's appreciation to the EC

and thanked the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs for its efforts

the agreement for the EC.

said the grant was part of the community's contribution to supporting the Kingdom's

democratic march and in .

appreciation of the country's

drive towards safeguarding

buman rights.

All kinds of assistance provided by the EC to Jordan

has been well used and it is

Interior would benefit from

the grant in financing the

election process, said Mr.

Pierard, in a brief statement

to Jordan Television.

boned that the Ministry of

EC representative Jean Pierre Pierard, who signed

in securing the assistance.

to help

# German exper receives medal for services

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan has honoured a German afforestation expert for his services to the Ministry of Agriculture and its various departments and for directing a project for the de-velopment of the Zarqa River Basin between 1986 and 1989.

Minister of Agriculture Marwan Kamal presented Laslo Pancel Al Kawkab Medal of the Third Order in recognition of his work.

Dr. Pancel has worked closely with a Jordanian team of experts in developing forest lands and establishing a centre for cultivating tree saplings and seeds, in projects financed by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). From his experience in Jordan. Dr. Pancel wrote a book entitled "The Management of

Jordanian Forests. Keen on protecting wildlife

reserves. Dr. Pancel also conducted a study on the develop-ment of Dana Reserve in the south.

His work with the Ministry of Agriculture included supervising personnel training in forest development and conducting several activities aimed at ensuring the protection of the environment and the preservation of forest trees.

Born in former Yugoslavia in 1952, Dr. Pancel went to Germany where be obtained German citizenship and his doctorate from the University of Hamburg.

Before coming to Jordan, Dr. Pancel worked for the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the World Bank, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the European Community and GTZ.



Pancel with Al Kawkab Medal of the Third Order for his

# Minister of Agriculture Marwan Kamal (left) presents Laslo

# Shobak seismological station burglarised, south's earthquake warning system hindered

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Police are searching for a suspect or suspects who reportedly stole two batteries and a solar cell from the seismograph at the Shobak Seismological Station, a police report said.

An employee of the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) told police that when he went to check the station on Saturday, he discovered that the door of the station had been broken and equipment was ir sing from the seismograph (an instrument that records the

force and direction of earthquakes).

An official at the NRA at

the Ministry of Energy said this . was not the first time a seismological station was burglarised. The official, who preferred anonymity, explained that the batteries and solar cells can be used to operate televisions and automobiles.

This is the third time one of our 40 seismological stations has been burglarised," the official said.

What is unfortunate, be added, is that the Shobak station will not function without the missing equipment, and 10 seismological stations in the south will be paralysed because the Shobak station acts as a relay post which transmits and receives the waves from the other 10 stations.

"It is a waste of government money, and it will cost the ministry approximately JD 1,500 to replace the stolen equipment," the official said.

"It will take some time before the Shobak station will operate because such equipment is not available in the local market and must be imported from foreign companies," he added.

The official told the Jordan Times that he hoped that these

burgiaries would stop because, he said, it is a threat to the people. He explained that if an earthquake is about to occur in the south, the seismographs would record it, but would not be able to transmit the signals.

The official was concerned that people would blame the Jordan Seismological Observatory for not warning them ahead of time.

He added that it is difficult to place a guard at every station because it is costly, and the stations are located in the desert, where most people would be reluctant to be post-

# Candidate withdraws

Karak Governor Khalaf Mahasneh Sunday announced that Rivad Hurub, a candidate in the general elections, has withdrawn from the race.

Mr. Mahasneh, said that two other candidates, Shaher Rawashdeh and Ali Tarawneh withdrew earlier. He said 63 candidates remain in the contest for nine seats in the Karak constituency. Mr. Mahasneh did not disclose the reason for the withdraw-

### JTA sells \$1m worth of products in Sudan

AMMAN (Petra) - Benefiting from the Sudanese-Jordanian Trade Protocol of 1992 and other agreements on barter trade, the Jordan Trade-Association (JTA) has sold \$1: million worth of Jordanian products in Sudanese markets in one year, according to JTA: Executive Director Halim Abu

One year ago JTA opened an office in Khartoum to promote the sale of Jordanian products in Sudan.

He said JTA plans to expand to other African countries such as Eritrea and Ethiopia through the JTA Khartoum

#### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Majall meets with Jordan's new envoys

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister and Fore-

ign Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Sunday called on the newly-appointed Jordanian ambassadors to Syria, Qatar, Yemen, Moroc-co. Belgium, China, Germany, Australia, Grecce and Australia to exert every possible effort in developing bilateral relations with Arab and friendly countries. At a meeting with the new envoys held at the Prime Ministry, Dr. Majali said ambassadors have an important role to play in explaining Jordan's positions on momic. Arab and issues. The Prime Minister called for activating the role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to implement His Majesty King Hussein's directives contained in his letter of designation to the government. Dr. Majali emphasised the importance of enhancing relations between Jordanian communities abroad and the homeland. The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al Hussan. Also Sunday Dr. Majali called at the Department of the Chief Islamic Justice, where he attended part of the weekly meeting of the department's senior officials.

#### Terminal 1 reopens at QAIA

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Jordanian (RJ) Monday resumes its flights from Terminal 1 at Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA). The terminal had been closed for renovations for more than two months.

# in 1992

AMMAN (Petra) - The total investment volume in the country in 1992 amounted to JD 163 million, up from JD 94 million the year before. The number of companies investing in the economic sector also rose from 4,145 companies in 1991 to 4,556 in 1992.

#### Team to attend vocational training seminar in Italy

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will be one of a group of Arab countries taking part in a vocational training seminar to open in Turin, Italy on Nov. 2. The head of the participating team, Ali Nasrallah, said the six-week seminar will tackle planning, organisation and supervisnin of vocational training programmes and will present a working paper on Jordan's experi-ment in vocational training.

#### Jordan to take part in housing meeting in Cairo

Commerce.

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the 11th meeting of the Arab League Council of Arab Ministers of Housing and Construction due to open in Cairo on Nov. 12, according to an announcement here Tuesday. Topics on the agenda of the three-day parley include preparations for an Arab regional conference to chart strategies on housing in the Arab World and a report on the housing situation in Lebanon in the aftermath of wars and civil strife in the country, according to the announcement. Activities connected with the U.N. Centre for Population Settlements will also be taken up at the meeting. The Jordanian delegation to the Cairo meeting will be led by Minister of Public Works and Housing Khalaf Hawari.

#### 2 groups of tour operators due to arrive

AMMAN (Petra) - A Canadian tour operator group will pay a week-long visit to Jordan beginning Nov. 9, at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. The group, which will be accompanied by several journalists and representatives of Canadian radio and television companies will discuss with ministry officials and tourism sector representatives scopes of cooperation between both countries. Another tour operators group from Qatar will spend a week in Jordan, starting Nov. 3. also at the invitation of the ministry, which is working with Royal Jordanian to promote tonrism to the Kingdom.

#### Investments register JD 163m Rapporteur discusses Al Amal Centre progress

AMMAN (Petra) — The first stage of Al Amal Cancer Centre, located near the Jordan University Hospital, will become operational in April 1994 and every effort is being exert. I to meet this deadline, said the task force rapporteur Abdullah Al Khatib Sunday. By April next year .t least JD16.5 million would have been spent on constructing and furnishing the centre which will have 100 beds and special wings for children. along with various sections for the treatment of cancer, said Dr. Khatib at a press conference called to report on the progress of the centre. He said that the construction work on the main building has been completed, mechanical and electrical works are underway and together with the finishings, all structural works are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 1994. Work on the 23,720 square metre centre started in 1989 with support from the government and donations from the community, said Dr. Khatib.

# Contemporary Italy to go on display in Amman



Italian Ambassador to Jordan Romualdo Bettini Sunday addresses a press conference to announce an Italian cultural

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday will open the Italian Cultural and Artistic Week. "Piazza Italia." at the Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel in Amman, Italian Ambassador Romualdo Bettini announced Sunday.

At a press conference, the ambassador said the activities, which will last onol Nov. 7, will include several cultural and artistic functions reflecting Italy's contemporary lifestyle.

The event will include a fashion show featuring the latest designs of six famous conturiers, culinary delights, art exhibitions and piano and opera recitals. id Mr. Betti-

Organised by the Italian embassy in cooperation with Jordanian and Italian institutions, the event aims to enbance the excellent ties between Jordan and Italy, Mr. Bettini added.

He said bilateral trade, industrial and cultural relations would most likely be strengthened as a result of "Piazza Italia," and the public will have an opportunity to experience a sample of Italian prog-

He said that part of the proceeds of the cultural week will be offered to the National Music Conservatory/Noor Al Hussein Foundation.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- Art exhibition by artist Sa'di Al Ka'bi at Alia Art Gallery (9:30-13:30 and 1500-1800).
- \* Art exhibition by artist Mohammad Al Jaloos at the French Cultural Centre.
- # Art exhibition entitled "Views" at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- \* Bani Hamida fall exhibition: "Autumn Leaves" at the Jordan Contractors Association Building (near the American Embassy in Abdoun) 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

#### FILMS

- ☆ Film in French entitled "Foutaises" at the French Cultural Centre at S:00 p.m.
- ☆ Film entitled "The King and I" at the American Center at 3:00 p.m. (133 minutes).
- at 6:00 p.m. (207 minutes; in Japanese with English subtitles).

#### CORRECTION

In an Oct. 30 report, headlined "Peace requires specific steps for progress — Anani," the Jordan Times incorrectly attri-buted the organisation of the open debate, in which Dr. Anani spoke, to the Association of Arab University Graduates in Amman. It was in fact the Jordanian Society for Graduates of U.S. Universities which organised the debate. The Jordan Times apologises for the error.

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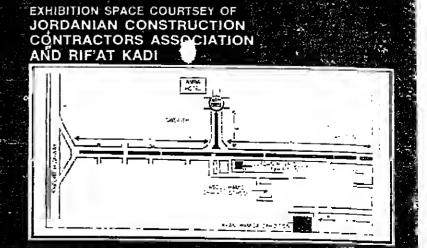
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## Signpost on difficult path

TWO DAYS after the Higher Court of Justice reversed a minister of interior decision to ban public rallies, the election campaign seems to have gathered extra momentum and picked np more speed. The ruling has been received with enthusiasm by candidates and political leaders alike, as it has pnt an end to two weeks of acrimony and accusations against the government that it is interfering in the elections. But, above all, the development highlighted the important role the judiciary can and should play in Jordan's democratisation process.

Two years ago when the speaker of the Lower House of Parliament, Abdul Latif Arabivat, nearly took residents of Tafileh to court for allegedly slandering the House, many politicians, writers and columnists pleaded with the speaker to drop the case, which he did. That was not the only case that was blocked by well-intentioned people, who true to tradition would always want to keep the courts out of disputes and to solve them in the more familiar tribal manner. So far and as far as the democratisation process is concerned the judiciary has not been allowed to assume its role as the final arbiter, and the most effective, in any disputes, especially those involving the government and the legislature. It was therefore difficult to understand why the Islamic Action Front, which was the main party pressing for lifting of the ban on public rallies, had waited for two weeks before going to the court thus losing much valuable time. The judiciary's role extends even beyond the role of a final arbiter. While the Higher Court of Justice is not a constitutional court, something which is a must in a democratic system, it can still interpret laws, set precedents and point to loopholes in existing legislation. And that is what it did in the case at hand.

It is essential for the success of our democratisation process that we, institutions and individuals, should resort more often than we do already to the judiciary to seek solutions to conflicts of interest and clarification of laws and regulations. The Jordanian judiciary system has on many occasions proven its integrity as the balancing branch of government. We should be proud of it and should not hesitate to use it when the right way is difficult to find in our democratic march.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour daily Sunday expressed the view that the Israelis and the Syrians have already reached agreement on a formula ensuring the future of the Golan Heights, but that the two sides are trying to ensure the success of their plan. Saleh Qallab said that Yitzhak Rabin is afraid of a confrontation with the opposition in Israel and fears that any solution with the Syrians would be interpreted by the Liknd Party as another concession to the Arabs, following the deal with the Palestinians. Therefore, the Israeli premier is taking time to allow the Israelis to swallow up the Israeli-PLO deal first, before embarking on another step towards Syria, as be is keen on remaining in power and afraid any miscalculation that could topple his government, said the writer. For their part, the Syrians are afraid that the Israelis might change their mind and go ahead with peace plans along other tracks, leaving Syria behind and isolated, he said, The Syrians are counting on the Americans to mediate and to speed up the implementation of the Israeli-Syrian deal before it is too late, continued the writer. The Americans are trying to narrow the gap and, assisted by Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian President, they are trying to allay Syria's fears about possible isolation and pressure, the Israelis into shortening the time needed to have their own home in order, the writer added. He said that the other Arab parties to the peace process should reassure Syria that it would not be left out in the dark and that the time factor would not adversely affect the cals already concluded between them and the Israelis.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour accused certain Arab countries, without naming them, of working together with western nations to destroy the fledgling unity of Yemen. Wohammad Kawash said that the north and the south Yemen succeeded in creating the only unity in the Arab World and have been on the way towards enhancing this unity when hostile forces intervened to upset the situation. Through conspiracies and intrigues certain hostile forces are trying to spread rumours about disputes among the Yemeni leaders, hoping to destroy the Yemeni people's aspirations for security, stability and unity, the writer said. These forces are trying by all p ible means to lay obstacles in the path of the unity and are p tung mines and causing trouble for the leaders of the two sectors of Yemen.

# From politics of blame to policies of opportunity

By Izzat R. Dajani

Jordan is busy nowadays preparing itself for the Nov. 8 parliamentary elections. Jordanians are approaching this through different paths and motives. Some are simply apathetic. Others put state interest before self. Tribal allegiances are important to some whilst political principles and beliefs dominate the attitudes of others. However, one dominant factor is almost always shared by different groups: the politics of blame!

Previous governments are accused by many of being rather inefficient, bureaucratic, insensitive and non-productive due to archaicallystructured institutions. The last Parliament is considered by some to be non-representative. incoherent, weak politically and poor functionally. Many street banners and candidates slogans coopt the politics of blame in a rhetoric frenzy. There are real grounds to this but the pledged notions for the alternative remain flimsily drawn by most candidates.

Slogans are used by them as substitutes for policy or masks

for lack of it. To long-established democracies, elections are just the beginning of the democratic process. Elections are very often followed by changes in institutions, leading to instilling a different culture in government with the superseding effect of changed philosophy and approach to management of state affairs. Such institutions remain free and open, allowing the smooth transformation to serve the common good of the people, who are themselves the very fabric of the state.

To young democracies such as ours, elections are very often the end to the process. They are the means to the political cul-de-sac. Political programmes do not often materialise as they are invariably inadequate or poor. Political "homework" succumbs to family influences, tribal obligations or meager preparations. No party political lines are yet fully established. This morass is further by parliamentarians muted through ministerial

appointments or cooption into

Democracy should not be confused with elections. Elected legislators must use their skills and popular support to force change that would lead to institutional development, improve functioning of govern-ment and strengthen the state. It is the duty of the legislature to make sure that able people are not shoved aside but are rather encouraged to be part of Jordan's democratic fabric that seeks improvement of the system. It is time to give merit a chance and it can no longer be based on "old-boy" networks and obsolete formulas. Merit must be based on excellence. It is time that appointments in the public sector be offered to the most competent, irrespective of gender, rebgion, roots

Jordan has invested vast financial resources to educate its people, send them to schools and belp them attain academic achievements. These people formed the pool that was responsible for servicing much of the infrastructure in

and origins.

many parts of the Arab World. They cannot be told to stay out of the decision-making process just because they do not fit a certain privileged criteria. A nation cannot maintain its position if it does not strive for excellence. Jordan must make full use of the talents of all its people to service the country's

public and private sectors.

It is interesting to note in this context that the gap between the executive branch and the people is narrowed by parliaments functioning in a democratic setup. Parliaments are intended to bring the leadership closer to the sentiments and aspirations of the people and are not intended to rubber stamp government policies.

The fundamental paradigm remains that the legislature's elected body must have loyalties to the state, its institutions and the system of governance. Otherwise, such a body is rendered futile and filmsy. If loyalties of the legislature does not relate to the real needs of the people, then the quality of its judgment may be appealing, but certainly not useful.

Parliament and government should not supply illusions but come up with solutions. They need to adopt pragmatic policies, challenge alternatives and elevate the possible above the ideal. Entreprenenrship in government means having to declare obsolete products that are no longer relevant to a changing, modern society; government products are its rules, regulations, practices and methods of operation. Important facts should not be ignored or omitted. People must not be denied the understanding they need in order to

In party politics and under party rule, the party dominating over a majority in Parliament runs the government. Unless this is established and systematised, there will be a dichotomy in responsibility for an elected legislature assuming a cabinet post. The honour of the legislator bes in a mystical but exclusive personal responsibility for what he does. However, the honour of the cabinet member is vested in his ability to fully execute the poli-

pass judgements.

cies of the government and the orders of the superior authority as if they all agree with his own personal convictions. This is exactly where parliamentarians in Jordan seem to fail once they are appointed to cabinet. The codes of commitment and responsibility can very often assume divergent roles, leading to abandoning one to the benefit of the other. More often than una, cabinet accountability takes precedence over legislative responsibility.

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There are those who say our democratic process is new and we must give it more time. Well, that is just an excuse not to act swiftly and confidently. If there is no change, the future will pass our democratic setup and render it "history."

We must always look ahead as there is great need to progress fast. We ought to substitute the politics of blame with policies of opportunity. Pragmatism based on tradition should light our path. Both government and Parliament need to remember that good intentions do not always make good policies.

# 'PLO-Israel agreement is no alternative to the Palestinian cause'

Following is an open letter from Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's former representative at the U.N., to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, urging him not to relocate to Gaza and Jericho when Israeli troops withdraw from these, areas. The letter is reprinted from the London-based Al Hayat Arabie daily.

I am writing you in your capacity as president of the state of Palestine to urge you not to go to Jericho's and Gaza when local authority is transfered to representatives of the Palestinian state, because Gaza-Jericho will not be a liberated area and the Palestinian authorities there will not exercise national sovereignty but will have local administrative powers only. Although the daily nightmare of occupation will not end under the terms of the Gaza-Jericho accord.

Your refusal to go to Gaza-Jericho will establish the local authority as an interim body and emphasise the fact that the interim period will lead to a national authority over liberated soil. Your refusal to go there would thus confirm the view of those who believe that the agreement is a prelude to the exercise of the right of self-determination by the Palestinian people, a first step towards the independent state of Palestine. It would serve as a driving force pushing that energises and accelerates steps

towards national sovereignty. The local authority to be established under the terms of the Sept. 13 agreement, along with all the institutions it creates, would then draw their authority from the PLO. But if you go to Gaza-Iericho under the terms of this agreement, this could imply — I believe it would imply — that 'an occupied state has accepted the idea that its national soil is disputed territory, not the soil of an occupied state.

We know how much it would mean to you to be on Palestinian soil and among the Palestinian people for whose



liberty, dignity and sovereignty you bave fought so long. But your leadership position and legal status dictate that you stay out of unliberated land.

Israel does not acknowledge that it is an occupying power in a Palestinian state. This means that its "withdrawal" from Gaza-Jericho under the terms of the agreement is not a legal withdrawal consistent with the Fourth Geneva Convention but a mere redeployment that can be reversed should "security" considerations demand.

By staying ont of Gaza-Jericho, you will be sending a clear signal that you will tread only on liberated land, thus confirming what the international community bas recognised: that the Palestinian territories are not occupied territories, that Israel's attempts to turn them into disputed territories are not part of the agreement and that the interim agreement does not strip the territories of their status as the occupied territories of the Palestinian state proclaimed on Nov. 15, 1988. In other words. the agreement between the PLO, as the representative of the Palestinian people, and

Israel is, as far as the Palestinians are concerned, a transition to the implementation of the U.N. resolutions, not an alternative to them.

Your refusal to go to Gaza-Jericho would give the Palestinian negotiators at all levels. increased leverage in their efforts to extract an Israeli admission that the Jewish state is an occupying power, thereby preventing Israel from using that argument to avoid implementing the U.N. resolu-tions relating to Palestinian rights. This would draw the contours of the next stage as of now, making it clear that the final-status negotiations are meant not to explore Palestinian national rights but to crystallise and consolidate them as

The local Palestinian authorities should be regarded as, temporary mechanisms in the service of the liberation process, in charge of managing people's daily affairs as a prelude to the rise of a national authority.

It would seem to us that the Sept. 13 "bandshake" was not a reconciliation but a preinde to a possible future reconciliation, when the Palestinian

borneland acquires all the elements of independence and

sovereignty. This must be made clear. because Israel is trying to turn this agreement into an instrument to end its isolation in the international community and normalise its relations in the region, the Islamic World and the southern hemisphere before it brings its policies in line with the dictates of international legitimacy by pulling out of the occupied Arab territories and enabling the Palestinian people to fully exercise their right to self-determina-

Israel is trying to exaggerate the significance of this agreement, presenting it as a final peace treaty in order to use it as a Trojan borse that can take it into horizons that have been closed to it because of its constant violation of international

laws and conventions.

Israel and the U.S. are trying to give the international community the impression that the handshake was the reconciliating, but the fact is that the Gaza-Jencho accord, while it is an inescapable reality, is a limited, temporary

formula arrived at under duress, not out of conviction; and the interim period is not a test of the Palestinians' abilities but of Israel's readiness of abide by the dictates of inter-

national legitimacy.

By refusing to go to GazaJericho, you give the agreement its actual size and prevent
Israel from using it to write a
Middle East agenda and draw
a Middle East map that serve
its well-known future objectives.

I stress the need to present the agreement in its actual size because media exaggeration has blown it out of all proportions and thereby made it look like a sick agreement. Knowing the limits of the agreement makes it a sound springboard to an interim stage in which the PLO and the international community can extract the final stage from the ambiguity in which it is now lost.

which it is now lost.

Also, making the limits of the agreement known can be the key to Palestinian national unity, while continued exaggeration of its significance nurtures disputes that can ensnare the agreement itself in the Israeli interpretation of it while at the same time allowing Israel to use the agreement to release itself of any commitment to implementing U.N. resolutions on Arab rights in general and Palestinian rights in particular.

By refusing to go to Gaza-Jericho, you send a signal that you are not content with the provisions of this agreement. This will spare the Palestinians the prospect of needless disputes between opponents and proponents of the agreement. Secause support of the agreement gives the impression that its success is inevitable, and opposition of the agreement gives either the impression that its failure is inevitable or the impression that it must be thwarted. The dispute is thus built on both sides' exaggerated assessment of the agreement, which should be seen as an agreement limited to the local administrative

dimension that does not go

into the political issue of sovereignty.

By signing the agreement, yon gained recognition of the Palestinian people and of the PLO as their legitimate representatives. The preservation of these gains now hinges on a clear definition of the scope of the agreement - the fact that it does not negate the right to resist occupation, or to continue to prepare for the final stage, in which the Arabs and the U.N. must be actively engaged in order to keep the Palestinian cause in international spotlight and make sure that the outcome is consistent with the Arab national interest and international legitimacy.

It may be argued that your going to Gaza-Jericho would bolster support for the agreement and spur efforts to make it a success. That is true, considering the respect, appreciation and love that you command. However, the object bere is not to increase support for the agreement. Far more for the agreement, with its limited, interim nature, to prevent the Palestinian leadership from relocating to territories that remain under occupation; and the need to keep the agreement from inhibiting the Palestinian technological, administrative and services talents, which bave been waiting so long to prove themselves and which need political accord among the various Palestinians political factions

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By staying out of GazaJericho, the Palestinian political leadership can delegate administrative power to the local authorities, provide them with political discipline, launch a dialogue with the various Palestinian leaders and resume coordination with the other Arab parties concerned, especially Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, striving to remobilise the Arab power that has fallen prey to exhaustion and dis-

For the agreement is not an alternative to the Palestinian

# Democrat asks Christopher to resign

.By Frank McCloskey

WASHINGTON — As a loyal Democrat and supporter of President Clinton, I believe, with regret, that Secretary of State Warren Christopher should resign. He has severely damaged the national interest through failed leadership in difficult situations that have required a firm hand. These crises, in the former Yugoslavia, Somalia. Russia and Haiti, are likely to worsen because of the administration's flawed policies.

Our Bosnia policy has been an utter failure. Mr. Christopher has vacillated and obfuscated the issue of Serbian aggression. In early February, he defined our strong strategic interests in the region and stated that our response to the war would serve as a test case of how we handled ethnic and minority concerns throughout the world. By June, he was saying we bad no vital interests at stake and that our primary goal was to stop the killing.

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The State Department has pressured the Bosnian parliament to accept a partition agreement that would ratify Serbian aggression, dismember Bosnia and lead to officially

sanctioned "ethnic cleansing" and more fighting. Mr. Christopher steadfastly refused to describe Serbian atrocities in Bosnia as genocide. Why?

More than 200,000 Bosnians have been killed and half of the rest bave been driven into exile. More than 380,000 people are in the 18th month of the Sarajevo siege, but Mr. Christopher will not describe this situation as terrorism.

As for Somalia, America has no clear idea what Mr. Christ-opher believes our interests are and how he believes we should achieve our objectives. I still have no idea why he signed on to Secretary General Boutros Ghali's plans to capture Gen. Mohammad Farah Aideed and to construct democratic institutions in Somalia out of thin air.

In a remarkable reversal prompted by public and congressional pressure, the administration has embraced the Bush policy towards Somalia: We will withdraw our forces and turn nation-building over to the U.N. why did 18 Americans have to die?

In Russia, the administration identifies Boris Yeltsin as the embodiment of democratic reform and is investing all of its faith and aid to Russia in his survival. Given his eratic behaviour and his crackdown on his opponents and the press, I gravely doubt that he is a true democrat.

More important, we are eneouraging violent ultranationalists and secessionists throughout the former Soviet Union, by failing to address Serbian aggression in the Balkans.

In Haiti, we allowed peacekeepers to be turned back by a theatrical display by a few hundred thugs. Mr. Christopher has defined the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide as a strategic interest. But as his elastic views of America's interest show, the use of "strategic" can really only refer to President Clinton's short-term domestic political interests.

So while it may have been

So while it may have been fair in February for the administration to suggest that it inherited the crisis in Bosnia, repeating this claim now and adding Somalia and Haiti suggest an expedient denial of responsibility.

responsibility.
Our allies do not see Mr.
Christopher as effective internationally or as an adequate protector of U.S. interests.
Largely because of his tacit

acceptance of Serbian genocide, they do not see him as a spokesman for American values. And this lack of respect can be seen in our own Congress — on both sides of the

In a recent editorial, The Economist called Mr. Christopher "the weakest link in Mr. Clinton's trio of foreign policy advisers," and added: "It is not too late to bring in a genuine enthusiast for foreign policy and one who understands, in the most bard-headed way, how the world works. The ideal candidate would be prepared to work out and articulate, not occasionally but regularly and forcefully, how America's principles apply to a given problem, where its interests in the matter lie, and how far it will go to defend

them."

Mr. Warren Christopher has distinguished himself in other spheres. But if he continues on his present course, he will do further damage to our security and national interests.

Frank McCloskey, Democrat of Indiana, is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. This article is reprinted from The New York Times.

#### LETTERS

# Chauvinism not for us

In a TV report aired over the weekend, the Cable News Network (CNN) correspondent in Amman, tackled in a rather "novel" way, the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship, especially in the aftermath of the signing of the PLO-Israeli deal; he brought together Drs. Fahed Fanck and Labeeb Kamhawi to give two diametrically opposite views on that relationship.

I was particularly taken aback, to say the least, by the comments made by Dr. Kamhawi, who made light of the Jordanian identity by asking "who is a Jordanian anyway?" and denying the foremost Jordanian his Jordanianism.

What does Dr. Kamhawi mean by that statement? Is he

kidding himself, us or what?

The Jordanians, for his information, are those people who appointed bim to the Royal Commission of the National Charter, and Jordan is the country that took him in, gave him citizenship and rights and allowed him to prosper, economical-

ly and financially, into what he is now.

A man like him, no matter where his roots he, cannot ignore the Jordanian identity and generosity. This country has existed, in one form or another, throughout recorded bistory. Don't ingrates like Dr. Kamhawi know what the word belonging means? If he does not, let me say this to him: Jordan should not permit opportunities and chauvimists to deny its and its people's existence and identity.

I believe he owes us, both Jordanians and Palestinians, a

I believe he owes us, both Jordanians and Palestinians, a public apology for what nonsense he had to say. All Jordanians of Palestinian origin, who I know certainly reject chauvinist views like his.

Rima Shaer, P.O. Box 5613, Amman.





# Snippets and tidbits from

# Friendly and not so amicable candidates; big promises and mots in election campaigns

A PROMINENT Jordaevery diwan (tribal head-quarter) and home and I nian politician and Irbid candidate, Abdul Raouf have tried really hard to Rawabdeh, has been acdo that, but time has five on the campaign trail: caught up with me and I He has been visiting have been unable to visit everyone he could in his all my relatives and election district. Almost guaranteed a place among friends. I hope you will accept my apologies."
Maybe he will visit them
"after" he is elected, some the winners in that constituency, he apparently still feels that he somehow has election pundits from not done enough. In yesterday's local papers Mr. Rawabdeh placed an Irbid said. Or he will be too busy managing another ministerial post? ad apologising to the peo-Mrs. Rawabdeh, on the ple he was unable to visit. other hand, was reported making "warm" social "I was keen on visiting

calls in Irbid by offering heaters and blankets as a means to woo voters to cast their ballot in favour of her husband "Abu Issam." Good luck to both of them, in this campaign and elsewhere.

NOTORIOUS FOR his quick wit and jokes, Mr. Rawabdeh almost got himself in a fight on another front. As he was leaving a meeting in Irbid, he met a former minister of health who is also a powerful Irbid candidate. True to form, Mr. Rawab-

deh cracked a one-liner.
"Here comes the midwife," he said. Naturally the relatives of the former minister, who is a gyneco-logist by profession, got upset. Had it not been for the intervention of some third party well wishers there would have definitely been a fight, the story

"WE ARE not for sale" read a leaflet signed by the residents of the Azmi Al Mufti refugee camp on the outskirts of Irbid, attacking some candidates for

their attempts to huy

ANOTHER CANDIDATE running for elections in Irbid promises his voters a step-by-step return to Isla-mic life. On the foreign policy level. Sheikh Nasser Tahat said in a newspaper ad yesterday that he will accept "comprehen-sive and just peace which will bring back our land, and our Holy Places, with Jerusalem as its capital." Does it sound like he is endorsing the GazaJericho agreement? Apparently he is not, as he further adds: "We will accept an independent Palestinian state armed with state-of-the-art weaponry, starting with rifles and ending with cross-Atlantic missiles. Besides, I want to dismantle all the settlements and bring back all the refugees to the lands they left before 1948 and share authority with the Jews on equal footing." Peace mongering or merely lan-guage obfuscation? Irbid

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voters do not simply know.

A REPORT on the election situation in Karak which was published in one of the local Arabic dailies can only be called a joke. The writer says that votes in the district of Karak cannot be bought because there is "a state of awareness which the citizens of this district en-

joy." The writer then contines: "To prove this, and to show their commitment to their chosen candidates, most of the Karakis will vote publicly (calling the name out loud)." This is exactly the condition which candidates who "buy" votes place on the voters to ensure that their money is well earned.

Suhair Obeidat

#### Settlers

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statement said. About 24 settlers read the Torah in lents set up on the farm where Mizrahi was found dead and vowed to establish a new settlement there.

"The army has tied our hands until now saying they will protect us. But they can't. We have weapons. We won't accept this accord quietly," said Zeen Libeskend, a settler ieader.

The initial settler protests to the peace treaty fizzled out after they failed to attract much interest among most Israelis, who generally support the peace plan, but the killing galvanised them again. Israeli Tourism Minister Uzi

### Peres

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buy shares. Shlomo Ben-Ami, who heads the new project by Kolr, said Western states could not be counted on to meet the region's economic needs while so many other countries sought their aid.

"The Middle East will not be saved by foreign governments," Mr. Ben-Ami told the conference. "Local business, seeking profit, has to be the basis, in a setting of regional

cooperation." Some 3,000 businessmen -Patestinians, Israetis and others - attended the conference, where they discussed ways to reap a peace dividend from the new situation in the region.

#### Hostages rescued (Continued from page 1)

left home for work on Oct. 24. In Paris the French Foreign ministry thanked the Algerian authorities for rescuing Mr. Thevenot and Mr. Freyssier, adding they were "safe and

"The search for Mrs. Thevenot is still under way. In current circumstances, no further comments will be made," it added.

According to rumours here, Michele Thevenot was separated from the men shortly after their abduction.

While no organisation ever claimed to have kidnapped the three, it was widely suspected to have been the work of Islamic fundamentalists.

Well-informed sources reported that at least seven of the kidnappers were killed in a combined army and police op-

There were no reports of casualries among the security forces. Other details were not

The announcement of the rescue came less than two hours after a statement was released by a group claiming the kidnapping, promising to freed the captives Monday.

If was unknown whether the the so-called Islamic Armed Group. The tract promising the release was left overnight in the mailbox of the Associ-

Eted Press bureau. It did not report the cap-tives health or indicate that they might be held separately. Dogotta the promise to free them, the tract noted that the 1954 ravelt began with the

The liberation of Mr. Immenot and Mr. Freysper apped a week of intensive stace the the were Mitted Oct. 24 from their house in central Algiers. An Algorism police guard died in a A fourth Frenchman

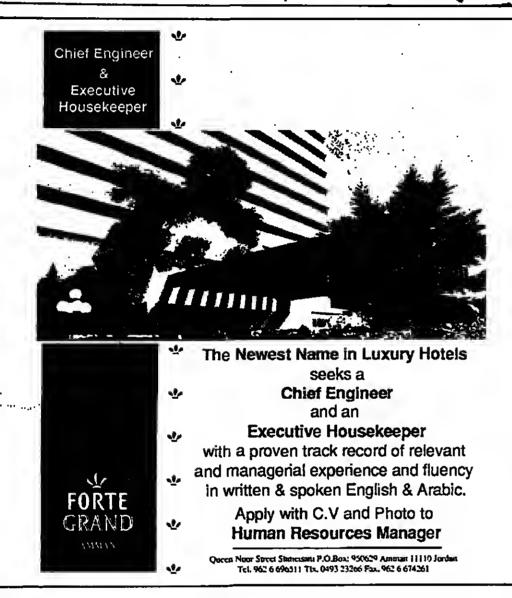
Haram joined in the criticism of the settlers on Sunday, saying there were "dangerous signs of a revolu"

They want to torpedo the peace process," he added. The local authorities in Al Bireh, near the Beth El settlement, said six cars were burnt

and 12 other damaged Sunday, and stones were thrown at 20 Palestinian houses in Al Bireh, Ramallah and Bir Zeit.

Housing Minister Benjamin Ben Eliezer said the settlers were "provoking the govern-ment with all the means at their disposal," and the government "will not let them get away with it." The army sent reinforcements Sunday to the West

Bank, where more than 115,000 settlers live. Israeli Television said the army detained several Palestinians after the abduction.



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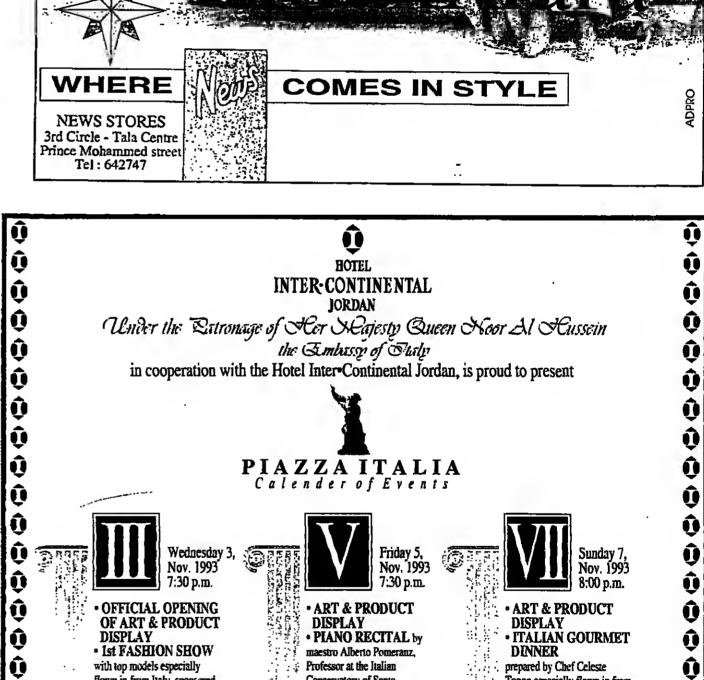
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organisations are to gather Monday in the United Arab

Emirates (UAE) to promote

investment in the region and

reverse a steady outflow of

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projects," said Khalfan Khar-

bash, investment chief at the

ment has become a significant

step in bolstering the economy.

Several projects covering in-

dustry and other sectors will be

presented during the confer-

The meeting in Dubai is the

latest in a series of Arab

attempts to persuade local in-

vestors to turn to their own

"Boosting domestic invest-

UAE finance ministry.

ence," be told AFP.

The conference is an im-

regional states.

# Lebanon faces problems mobilising reconstruction funds

Minister Rafiq Hariri's government is facing a tough oroblem in securing foreign aid to implement an ambinous 10-year plan to get the country back on

The Horizon 2000 masterplan revealed in March to rebuild the Lehanese infrastructure, which was shattered in a 15-year civil war, has been estimated to cost some \$12 <u>billion</u>.

"The outside world will not beip us unless we help ourseives. All depends on us if we work hard. Our credibility is a function of our work," the head of the Council of Development and Reconstruc-

tion, Fadl Sbalaq, told AFP. According to Mr. Sbalaq, Lebanon already has \$1.5 billion in foreign credit and hopes to obtain an additional \$1 bil-

But according to Western diplomats, Lebanon has so far secured only around \$530 million in pledges from the World Bank, European Bank of Investments. Kuwait, France and

The diplomats believe that foreign aid will only be forthcoming if the Lebanese show faith in their country by returning part, if not all, of the estimated \$40 billion in private

assets kept abroad. Until then, they said, Lebanon will only be able to depend on small loans or grants to cover the implementation of one project at a time.

Mr. Hariri and seoior ministers bave canvassed the oil-rich Gulf monarchies and Arab capitals in recent months to

appeal for financial help and

Hilton

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Jericho offer

to set up a hotel in Jericho

where self-rule begins to take

"We bave already been con-

tacted by people who wish to

put. a hotel in Jericho," Ahmad Al Nahas, a vice presi-

dent of Hilton International

Co., said Sunday. "(But) we want to see how things de-

Tourism in the occupied ter-

ritories is to be transferred to

Palestinian control under the

Israeli-PLO peace accord

Investment in Gaza Strip

and Jericho, to have full auton-

omy by next April 13, is ex-

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as the transfer of authority

Mr. Nahas said the com-

pany, a botel management unit of Ladbroke Group PLC in the

United Kingdom, was nego-

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Middle East and the Gulf.

capacity by 50 per cent in the

"There is a lot of room for

business. It's a virgin place,"

Mr. Nahas had earlier told a

news conference in Abu Dhabi

that the Middle East and the

Gulf were the fastest growing

market for Hilton Internation-

al, which owns 30 of the 160

botels under its management in

He said the company is

negotiating to set up three botels in Saudi Arabia, three in

Egypt along with two cruise

six in the United Arab Emi-

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effect later this year.

fers remain empty. They mainly urged the Arabs to activate an Arab and international reconstruction fund that was approved at the 1990 Baghdad Arab summit with an initial capital of \$2 billion. Lebanon has not seen a penny of the sum.

"The Lebanese also know they will be facing competition from Gaza and Jericbo," which are being earmarked for international aid as part of plans to set up self-rule there under the Sept. 13 PLO-Israel accord, a Western diplomat

This realisation is shared by many of Mr. Hariri's detractors and the excitement that accompanied the self-made billionaire's appointment as prime minister one year ago appears to bave been overtaken by bitterness.

"He bas no political vision," according to bank executive Tony Shueiri.

He promised the moon but he did not deliver," added an economic expert declining to be identified.

Officials meanwhile estimate the budget deficit at \$1 billion while experts believe it is closer to \$1.5 billion.

Opponents of the prime minister accuse him of losing all sense of priorities, pointing to the government's effort to sell the idea of rebuilding the city centre before tackling more urgent problems such as telephones that don't work, rationed electricity and public

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#### is investing \$27 million to expand two botels. Russia puts up prices on Lada cars\*

MOSCOW (R) - Russia's most popular car, the utilitarian Lada, will cost 50 per cent more from Monday because of soaring production prices, ITAR-TASS news agency said Sunday. It said the most popular model would cost 7.8 millar model would cost 7.8 million roubles, which is the equivalent of about \$6,600 or \$150 average monthly pay packets. The top of the range version will cost 13 million roubles (\$11,000). Value added tax of up to 28 per cent added tax of up to 28 per cent bas to be added to all prices. TASS said Avtovaz, which is being privatised, had had to increase its prices to keep up with rising component and energy prices.

#### Businessmen see lucrative International computer market in Mideast

DUBAI (R) - International computer companies are finding a lucrative market in the Middle East but software pira-cy especially in Gulf Arab ABU DHABI (R) — The Hil-ton hotel chain says it has been asked by Palestinian investors states is harming sales and the quality of products, company officials say.

"There are very bigh expectations for the computer market in the Middle East... it is very far away from market aturation. Computer literacy is growing tremendously," said 1brahim Lahoud, marketing and communication manager for the Arab Business

But piracy is "killing us and killing everybody else," added Mr. Lahoud, whose company is distributor for Apple Com-puter Inc. in the Middle East.

"Piracy is the biggest epidemic that we have in the region. We sell one software and then you find 50 copies in the market," be added.

Arab Gulf states including Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates bave passed laws to stop the widespread use of illegally copied computer software, video and

Mr. Lahoud was speaking at the Gulf Information Technology Exhibition (GITEX) which opened in Dubai Saturday. Over 300 exhibitors representing 1,000 international and regional computer firms are promoting their products at the four-day exhibition.

The computer executives gave different growth rate fi-gures for the business in the Middle East. Some said it was 20 to 30 per cent a year while others said it was 10 to 15 per

All said there were no available statistics on the size of the market. Some estimated the software and hardware market in the Middle East was worth \$1 - billion.

Charles Allen, Middle East manager of the U.S. computer software giant Microsoft Corp. said last week he expected the Middle East personal computer software market to expand up to 400 per cent in three

He expected to see the. whole personal computer software market in the Middle East growing to about \$150-\$200 million in the three years and estimated the market's current value at around \$50 million a year.

Mustafa Rugibani, general manager of the Bahrain-based Gulf Business Machines which

distributes International Business Machines Corp. IBM products in the Middle East, said his estimated growth rate of 10 to 15 per cent was a high rate compared to the rest of the

"It is a great rate compared to the United States and Europe. There is no recession bere and it is a very good market for computer products both software and hardware, he said.

"That is wby there are many

competitors," he added. Many of the companies, including Microsoft and IBM. are showing the latest versions of their Arabic-language software at GITEX.

There is demand for Arabic software which is not fully utilised yet. Many major companies are investing in this because of the high demand for Arabic software," Mr. Rugiba-

The executives said that they were encouraged by laws passed in some Gnlf Arab states to protect copyright.

With the new laws being issued, the problem of piracy is going to be limited... it is a major problem now but it is getting better," Mr. Rugibani

region to support development instead of continuing to amass their funds abroad. Official figures show public and private Arab investments

abroad are estimated at be-tween \$600 billion and \$800 billion, compared with around \$30 billion in the Arab region.

**Arabs to promote** local investment Most of the overseas assets ABU DHABI (AFP) - Offi-

are owned by the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and concentrated in the West in stocks, bank deposits and real estate. According to GCC Secretary General Fahim Ibn Sultan Al Qassimi, Gulf funds in the

More than 100 participants United States alone have swelfrom the 22-member Arab led to \$407 billion. "Certainly with more efforts the World Bank and other

from both sides, these figures could be improved," Sheikh Fahim told U.S. businessmen in Abu Dhabi Saturday. Despite reported large losses from overseas investment due to market instability, calls on

Arabs to repatriate their funds have so far fallen on deaf cars, Investors argue the Arab market remains closed and too small for those funds, customs barriers in the region persist and guarantees are not

enough.

"Improving investment laws is not enough, there should be guarantees for investors, eco-nomically and politically," said Yussuf Khalifa, economics professor at the Emirates University. "Arab markets should also open up to each other in

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order to absorb funds." Several Arab countries have passed laws to attract local and foreign investment as part of reforms to heal their economies which have been stiffed by decades of state control and political instability.

But several of them are still rocked by unrest.

# Cuba preparing new tax system

HAVANA (Agencies) - Cuba, engaged in reform at a time of serious economic crisis. is preparing measures to improve the bealth of state finances, including a new system . of taxes, a senior government official said Saturday.

ships, and one hotel each in Carlos Lage, a member of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Communist Party Polit-Yemen for a total of 4,000 buro and secretary of the council of ministers, did not give details of what form a new tax He said they now bave about 3,000 rooms in 17 hotels in the system might take or when it Middle East — seven in Egypt, would be announced.

However, Mr. Lage, interviewed in the Communist Party newspaper Granma, said the tax system would be "integral and uniform." This suggested a move toward taxes on indi-

This would be a major change in the communist-ruled Caribbean island, where most ordinary Cubans do not ray income tax. State revenue has up until now come mostly from profits from state-owned enterprises, taxes on state and foreign firms and limited taxes on individuals.

Mr. Lage said state fiscal and budget deficits were run-ning at several billion pesos everal billion dollars) and here was an excess of pesos in circulation which would pass

10 billion by the year end. To reduce the deficits, finance officials were "working on the creation of an integral and uniform tax system, and one the use of the state budget as an instrument of regulation and control of the country's economic activities," Mr. Lage added.

Authorities also wanted to develop audit, checking and accountancy systems to achieve a greater level of measurement of the economy, be said.

Mr. Lage, who is viewed as the architect of Cuba's economic reform, stressed that authorities would be extremely carefuly not to hit the poorest members of society or erode achievements such as cuba's health and education systems.

"Improving Cuba's internalfinances will not be done through shock therapy, as has been done in many countries," said Mr. Lage, 42.

He said other reforms being considered were measures to streamline the state structure, which would be announced in the next few weeks. Assessing reforms already

undertaken since a landmark speech by President Fidel Castro in July, Mr. Lage gave a sober outlook for prospects of economic improvement, although he said authorities hoped for continued growth in tourism and foreign investment and in Cuba's domestic oil production, as well as an improvement in the farm and ugar sectors.

Mr. Lage said new cooperative farms introduced in September - which will sell an agreed quota of their product to the state but keep back some for workers' own consumption - could belp improve food supplies for more than a quarter of the popula-tion of nearly 11 million.

He suggested authorities would continue to expand the possibilities of private selfemployment, another measure introduced in September. Professionals, except for doctors or teachers, could end up being allowed to work for themselves, Mr. Lage said, without giving details.

Mr. Lage said foreign investment in Cuba was gathering pace, with some 99 businesses involving foreign capital estab-lished, 21 of them in tourism. But he said the process of drawing in foreigners was slowed "by pressure from the United States, campaigns against Cuba and propaganda of insecurity, constant threats

and warnings.

Cuba's oil-importing, sugarexporting economy was plunged into crisis following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of its traditional aid and trade ties. Authorities also blame the longstanding U.S. economic embargo on Cuba for the diffi-

The country is suffering shortages ranging from fuel, spare parts and raw materials to food and basic consumer goods. Mr. Lage noted that Cuba's buying power abroad this year was just \$1.7 billion, down from \$8.1 billion in 1989, of which \$751 million had been set aside for the import of 5.7 million tonnes of fuel and \$440 million for food imports.

Mr. Lage announced that the communist government was talking with Washington about opening up telephone communications between Cuba and the United States, as well as more channels for Cuban-Americans to send money to their relatives on the Caribbean island.

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR MONDAY NOVEMBER 1, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Although conditions and situations from the past can have delays connected with them, you are under unusually good aspects for being very forward-looking where all kinds of modern up to date interests are concerned.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You find it possible to wind up some long time obligations by the sticktoativeness you now express, then look into new ways to operate without action.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You need to use diplomacy in your relations with a scheming associate after which be sure you scrupulously carry through with promises you've made.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) the neck as the week opens but remain steadfast at duties while later listen to but don't follow an outside partner yet.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) This is the day to make sure you do what will take away any friction from loved ones amtude, then make sure you follow tasks as schedule.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Take come time out to erase any tension existing at your own bome before you seek to iron out some problems which concern your recreational interest.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is the day to be most particular to answer exact queric made that applies to your daily. activities while later the sam

applies to your home. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You have a money marter that causes trouble later un less settled early today after

which you can get into acquiring data for handling reports. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Control that early morning feeling you have to have your own way at all costs and later sidestep a plan that could cost you a considerable amount or money.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Being balked at some intimate aim should be downolayed for it comes to you later while in the evening your own dreams seem impossible to

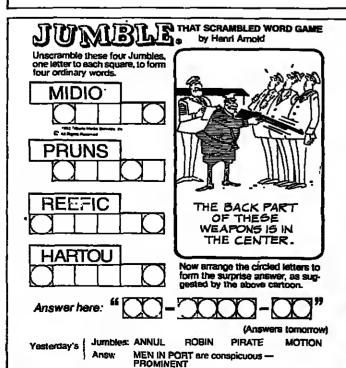
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Don't try to get an obstinate acquaintance to see things your way just yet and later you can work out a plan to get out from under a snark

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is not the day to approach anyone in authority or influence for any favour but instead do your vocational activiries well and later be war of angry friends.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Don't relay upon the hunch that is so insistent this morning and me your best judgment while later outside matters seem difficult to arrange as you wise.

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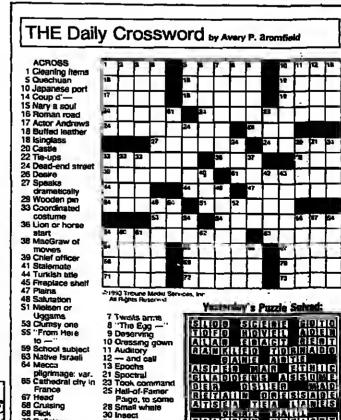
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#### Foreign Exchange Market Summary (October 25 — October 29, 1993)

AMMAN — The U.S. dollar ended slightly higher against the mark and the yen last week, but moved lower against sterling compared to the previous week, as it closed at 0.56 per cent higher against the mark, 0.39 per cent higher against the yen and 0.61 per cent lower against sterling.

After rebounding to 1.6775 marks at the end of the previous

week, the dollar continued to rise against the mark Monday, as renewed optimism over the pace of U.S. economic recovery, following the release of positive economic reports, helped the dollar breach further technical levels. The dollar was reported to have depreciated against the mark during New York trading hours, in response to diminishing hopes for further German interest rate cuts in the near future. Reports that showed high inflation in some of the western provinces of Germany, fed expectations of a tight stance by the Bundes-bank. But the release of positive U.S. economic figures, in addition to short covering, caused the dollar to rebound and close in New York at 1.6865 marks later in the day. Existing U.S. Home Sales figures, released that day, rose by 2.6 per cent in September, to a sales number of 3.91 million units. Analysts also indicated that further evidence of the U.S. economic strength appeared that day, following the release of better-than-expected U.S. car sales figures. Car sales rose by 17.4 per cent during the second 10 days of October, while truck sales rose by 20 per cent over the same period.

The dollar drifted lower against the mark Tuesday following the release of the U.S. Consumer Confidence Index, which was lower-than-expected, thus removing much of the gains the dollar witnessed the previous day. Reports indicated that traders were disappointed by the unexpected drop to 59.5 per cent in October, from a revised 63.8 per cent in September. Observers commented that these results implied that U.S. consumers were still hesitant to increase their spending substantially, even though they were more optimistic about the state of the economy. The dollar thus ended at 1.6790 marks, as the dealers awaited the release of the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) figures for the third quarter, due to

he released Thursday. The dollar traded in narrow ranges Wednesday compared to the previous day, but ended higher against the yen and the mark in response to position squaring, ahead of the release of U.S. GDP figures for the third quarter, the next day. The mark moved higher against the dollar during New York trading hours, supported by further signs that the Bundesbank was not likely to cut interest rates further in the near future. Comments by the Bundesbank president that day, saying that

Comments by the Bundesbank president that day, saying that there was no reason for more interest rate cuts for the time being, supported this view. But the dollar managed to close slightly higher at 1.6800 marks later in the day.

The dollar retreated against other major currencies Thursday, especially the mark, despite the release of positive U.S. grows demiestic product figures, which revealed third quarter at the nearly liked rate of 2.9 per cent. The dollar was reported to an annualised rate of 2.9 per cent. The dollar was reported to have appreciated sharply against the mark upon the announce-ment of the GDP figures. Failure to break through further technical levels caused it to drop sharply on profit taking later in the day. However, the dollar thus ended at 1.6742 marks and 108.15 yen, while sterling coded it at 1.4883 dollars, its lowest for the week.

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Nevertheless, the U.S. unit still managed to finish firmer against other major currencies Friday. Reports indicated that the dollar's rise was due to extremely thio trading, despite the release of another batch of positive U.S. economic reports, the Chicago Purchasing Management Index increased to 57.0 per cent in October from 54.5 per cent in September. Personal income rose by 0.2 per cent in September, and personal expenditure for the same month rose by 0.4 per cent.

On the other hand the Michigan Consumer Confidence Index increased to 82.7 per cent in October, from 77.9 per cent in September. The deliber thus anded the week at 1.6970 marks.

in September. The dollar thus ended the week at 1.6870 marks and 108.50 yen, while sterling ended it at 1.4815 dollars, as dealers awaited the release of U.S. employment figures, due to be released next week.

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# Arab states losing billions of dollars in shipping fees-report

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Arab countries are losing billions of dollars annually in shipping fees due to their reliance on foreign fleets, a report pub-lished in the United Arab Emi-

rates (UAE) has said. The 22 members of the Arab League carry out nearly 35 per cent of total world maritime trade, but they ship only five per cent of their own goods, the rest being transported by foreign vessels, the study by the Sharjah Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry said. "Foreign fleets are transporting nearly 95 per cent of Arab trade and Arab countries are paying around \$18 billion in shipping fees annually. This is a waste of Arab money and a big loss to Arab economies." the report said.

Arabs made up no more than 25 per cent of the total number of seamen employed by Arab fleets, and around \$500,000 was being paid annually in wages to fore-

igners, the study said. Most Arab trade goes by sea, the bulk of it oil and gas exports and imports of agricultural and industrial pro-

The Sharjah study said economic and geopolitical factors should prompt Arab states to develop their own fleet.

Arab countries were major exporters of strategic commodities such as oil, the report noted, but "the Arab merchant fleet has been passing through

a stage of weakness and regression at a time when shipping will remain the main means of transport."

Arah imports are worth more than \$100 billion a year, including nearly \$25 billion worth of foodstuffs, although the Arah region has a hoge farming potential

According to official figures, Arab states imported 31.5 million tonnes of cereals in 1991 and 22 million tonnes of wheat.

Council (GCC) states account for nearly half of Arab trade, with their oil, gas and petrochemical exports worth more than \$60 billion a year.

The six GCC members -Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Oatar, Kuwait and the UAE have considered expanding their shipping services and setting up a joint fleet to transport

The Gulf Cooperation

their exports. But the project was beld up by the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war and the Iraqi invasioo of Kuwait.

GCC countries excluding Oman have a joint shipping venture - the United Arab Shipping Company — but its fleet of around 40 vessels does not transport oil and its cargo does not exceed two million tonnes a year.

#### European Parliament wants Algerian official debt cancelled

BRUSSELS (R) - The European Parliament has urged the European Community (EC) to cancel Algeria's public debt of more than \$6.5 billion to promote economic growth.

The parliament, which has a largely advisory role, called in a resolution for "strengthened cooperation" and said it "recommends the cancellation of Algeria's public debt to the Commun-

The country is burdened by foreign debt of some \$26 billion which annually takes some 75 per ceot of the hard currency

earned from oil and gas exports. Algeria, which has introduced a liberal investment code and changed laws to encourage foreign and national investors, is committed to introducing a liberal economy after oearly 30 years of ceotralised economic management.

#### Piracy in UAE disturbs Sony Music around nine companies are en-

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Several companies in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are selling conoterfeit copies of video tapes and other Sooy products, threatening the Japanese firm, a Sony executive was quoted as

saying.

Although the oil-rich Gulf state introduced trade and copyright protection laws this year after U.S. pressure.

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gaged in the piracy, said Patric Hurley, vice president of Sony Music. Asia. "Pirated videos, compact

discs and music cassettes are becoming a real menace in the UAE, he told the semi official daily Emirates News.

Those companies are pirates," he added without identifying them. "They lack moral

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Mr. Hurley who is touring key consumer countries to warn against piracy, said the UAE emirate of Dubai, a major regiocal transhipment centre, had become a major mar-

ket for those illegal products. "From here, they are for-

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warded to Saudi Arabia and other markets. So it is very important to curtail these activities here first and the rest would follow," Mr. Hurley, based in Singapore, said during

a visit to Dubai. He said Sony original copies remained far superior in quali-ty hut admitted it was difficult. for most people to detect the counterfeit versions.

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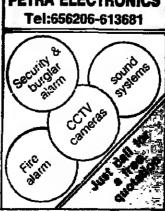
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France attacks

U.S., Japanese cinema 'monopoly'

BEAUNE, France (AFP) French Culture Minister Jac ques Toubon has accused the United States and Japan of

fostering a cinematographic monopoly and piedged to wage n cultural war to safeguard the

French film industry. Speaking

at a cinema forum in this east

ern central French town Satur-

day, Mr. Toubon said that a "battle" had been declared in

the name of multi-culturalism

and against the "Japanese-American monopoly" in the audiovisual and cinema sec-

tors. His comments were the

latest in a series of declarations

of solidarity by French public figures in the face of what are

seen as threats to the future

country's movie industry posed

by a culture clause in the ongoing GATT talks aimed at

liberalising world trade. Stres-

sing his support for excluding culture from the GATT provi-sions, Mr. Toubon said: "We

are fighting for openness... for the freedom of creative people

and andiences. We are not

seeking protection. We want to

world."Europe needed to set

up its own major film com-

added. The minister stressed

that, without support from.

France, cinematographers such

as Mali's Souleymane Class.
Argentina's Fernando Solanas.

and Bosnia's Emir Kusturica

would have been unable to

produce their films. He added

"Our battle is not only on behalf of cultural identity but

also universalism. Are we pre-

pared to admit there is only a

single world of culture?"

keep a window open to allow a various perspectives on the

# Shevardnadze goes to front

to "finish with' Gamsakhurdia ABASHA, Georgia (AFP) — Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze has arrived here to take personal command of his

troops and visit the battlefront after they lost two key western towns to rebels. Mr. Shevardnadze, planning to see the troops Sunday, said overnight that it was absolutely

necessary to "finish once and for all with" former President Zviad Gamsakhurdia. Georgian forces abandoned the towns of Khobi and Senaki after a counter-offensive by Gamsakhurdia loyalists, reportedly helped by the arrival of reinforcements from the north Caucasus, who also helped Abkhazian separatists expel Georgian government

"Our men are tired. After a year of Abkhazia, defeat and now this war against other Georgians... It is normal that they should be weary. But I believe at the same time that they understand that it is absolutely necessary for Georgia to finish with this once and for

Haiti

plan

rightists

Aristide

to replace

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) --

Haiti's pro-army rightist poli-

tical parties, after blocking the

return of exiled President

Jean-Bertrand Aristide, plan-

interim president to end all hopes of Mr. Aristide's return.

They say the authority of

Mr. Aristide and his interim

prime minister, Robert Mal-

val, ended midnight Saturday,

the deadline for Mr. Aristide's

homecoming under the terms of, a U.N.-brokered agree-

ment signed by the exiled lead-

er and army chief Licutenant General Raoul Cedras on July

"As of midnight, we will

occupy all the streets of Haiti.

If we say go, everybody will

go. If we say stop, everybody

will stop. We are going to impose ourselves," Reynold

Mr. Georges, leader of the

Liberal Alliance for the

Advancement of Haiti, said:

"We will have a new govern-

Heavy gunfire was heard much of Saturday night, espe-

cially in downtown areas

around the empty National

Civilian gunmen linked to

the police and known as

"attaches" circled the city cen-

tre in pickup trucks, firing off

their powerful automatie

weapons. It was not clear if

they were shooting at specific

The show of force followed a

second day of noisy street de-

monstrations by hundreds of

attaches celebrating the failure

of the U.N. plan to restore Mr.

Aristide by Oct. 30. Uni-

formed soldiers and police

Mr. Georges said Mr. Mal-

val and the U.N.'s special en-

voy in Haiti, Dante Caputo,

would be best advised not to

resist the right-wingers' power

grab. "We have to use all force

necessary to implement our

plan," he told Reuters. Both

Mr. Malval and Mr. Caputo

bave stepped up security mea-

More than a score of small

right-wing groups, many of

whom revere the memory of

the late dictator Francois "Papa

Doc" Duvalier, are behind the

plan to replace Mr. Aristide.

article of the constitution that

calls for the head of the Sup-

reme Court to take over as

interim president if the post

The current Supreme Court

chief justice is Emile Jonais-

sant, who was appointed short-

ly after the military coup that

toppled Mr. Aristide from.

power and killed hundreds of

people on Sept. 30, 1991. Mr. Aristide, a 40-year-old

former Roman Catholic priest.

had been in office for less than

eight months. He is Haiti's first

ever democratically-elected

It is not clear whether top

military officers will back the

neo-Duvalierists' attempt to

becomes vacant.

They call for invoking an

joined the celebrations.

targets or into the air.

ment very soon.

Georges said late Saturday.

Shevardnadze has set up bis beadquarters in Abasba, the last town before the hattlefront, which is now at the outskirts of Senaki.

He beld lengthy talks Saturday with his military chiefs of staff and was due to visit the front Sunday to boost the morale of the Georgian government troops.

In an interview with AFP, Mr. Shevardnadze said the intervention of fighters from the north Caucasus "changes ev-erything, and that is why I have come. They have sent several hundred soldiers from Abkhazia with weapons and beavy equipment, and it is against them that we are fighting

The Georgian chief added: "If it bad remained a local conflict and we were only fighting the Gamsakhurdia forces. we would be able to finish with these criminals. But outside intervention makes everything

According to a confidential document shown to AFP by a Sbevardnadze aide, the leaders of the "Federation of the Peoples of the North Caucasus" bad decided to help the ousted Gamsakburdia to maintain their own influence in western Georgia.

"If Shevardnadze wins, we shall have no more access to the sea (the Black Sea). We must therefore belp Gamsakhurdia, who is our ally, the document stated.

It was impossible here to authenticate the document, which dealt with a meeting of federation leaders last Wednesday and Thursday in Grozny, capital of Chechnya, where Mr. Gamsakhurdia

The document spoke of sending between 700 and 900 men into western Georgia in the ensuing few days. Mr. Shevardnadze said his

troops bad no outside belp.

Black Sea tn eastern Georgia, but "are taking absolutely no part in the fighting," he said. Russian sources said late Saturday that their troops stationed at the railway at the entrance to Senaki had come under Zviadist fire, but it was unclear if they were specifically targeted or bad been caught up in the Grad missile barrage against government troops

Military officers were officially talking optimistically ab-out taking Zugdidi in coming days, but there was also clear concern at staff headquarters about the extreme tiredness of the troops.

Many are volunteers who could at any moment simply clear out and go home.

A general of the regular army confided: "We are postioned there outside Senaki on a plain without any protection. and they showered Grademissiles on us all day Saturday. If we do not move forward soon, I am afraid my soldiers will not hold out much longer."

# Director -Frederico Fellini

dies ROME (R) — Film director Federico Fellini, an icon of the international cinema whose 1960 classic La Dolce Vita defined an era in his native Italy. died Sunday after two weeks in

a coma, bis doctor said. The 73-year-old Fellini died at Rome's Umberto I Hospital at "around noon" (1100 GMT), his personal physician Gianfranco Turebetti told Reuters by telephone.

Maurizio Bufi, bead of the intensive care unit at the hospital, said Fellini bad died of cardiae arrest. Fellini's condition had

worsened earlier Sunday. His doctors said he had developed a high fever and kidney prob-

Fellini, a five-time Oscar winner whose eareer was synonymous with the flowering of Italy's post-war cinema history, went into a deep coma after be suffered heart failure during his convalescence from a stroke in August.

All bopes for a miracle recovery were dashed when his brain stopped functioning on Oct. 28 and infection set in. Tributes had been pouring in for weeks.

La Dolce Vita, with its enduring image of buxom actress Anita Ekberg frolicking fullyclothed in Rome's Trevi Fountain, came after be bad already won international acciaim and sealed his reputation.

Its portrayal of a decadent jet-set idling their lives away around the Via Veneto created a stereotype abroad of Italy in the late 1950s as a stylish and carefree country and founded the legend of the paparazzo photographer.

Handsome male star Marcello Mastroianni went on to become one of the world's bestknown actors despite his failure ever to master English.

"My destiny as an actor changed radically because of bim," Mastroianni said in October.

"I became international well-known in the world - and I recognise this," he added, "but his friendship was even more important to me: He has been like a big brother to me." German director Wim Wen-

ders was another to offer tribute during Fellini's last days. "He is nne of the greats of world cinema," be said. "A part of my childhood is called Fellini - it is that part of childhood which every adult keeps in his heart."

Fellow Italian director Franco Zeffirelli added: "Italy just does not produce giants like, Fellini any more.'

Fellini was born in the Adriatic coastal resort of Rimini on Jan. 20, 1920 and made his name with "I Vitelloni" (The Loafers), a 1953 study of a group of amiable layabouts.

# Mediator pull-out deals blow to Kashmir talks

SRINAGAR, India (Agencies) — The withdrawal of Muslim mediators appeared Sunday to have dealt a fresh blow to talks on ending an army siege at Kashmir's holiest

The involvement since bursday of the three mediators, leaders of Kashmir's umbrella all-party Hurriyat (Freedom) Conference, had raised bopes that the tense 16-day standoff at Srinagar's Hazratbal Shrine was beading to a swift close.

But on Saturday night they said they were pulling out of the talks, accusing the Indian government of insincerity.

"The government is not serious about finding a solution to the crisis," Hurriyat spokes-man Abdul Ghani told reporters.

"The government was not prepared to offer us any concessions. We had to be imaginative as well as pragmatic the government refused to be either.

Hopes had run high earlier Saturday that the mediators might find a formula to end the siege at the shrine, where up to 50 armed militants and scores of civilians have been surrounded by troops since midnight on Oct. 15.

to foil an alleged plot by mili-tants to steal the Hazratbal

The operation has dragged into a protracted siege, providing an extra focus for anti-Indian protest in Kashmir, the only Muslim majority state in the mainly Hindu country. At least 47 people were killed on Oct. 22 in clashes between

demonstrators and security

A senior official in New De-

lhi said the separatists toughened their stand after local newspapers quoted off-the-record remarks by a U.S. State Department official saying Kashmir was a disputed

The official said the U.S. remarks boosted the militants' morale. India has reasserted its

rights over Kashmir amid outrage over the United States questioning the validity of the state's 1947 accession in a perceived policy shift.

"We do not recognise any-one's right to question the sta-tus of Kashmir at an integral part of India," Foreign Minister Dinesh Singh said late Saturday as all political parties denounced Washington in a rare show of unanimity.

"India will not brook any outside interference from any quarter on Kashmir," Mr. Dinesh Singh said in a state-ment, "Kashmir is, was and shall remain an integral part of India.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the whole of Kashmir, beld in part by India and Pakistan, was a disputed territory whose sta-

Shrine.

"We are surprised at the timing of the American pronouncements - they came just as it appeared the armed terrorists inside the shrine where about to release the civilian hostages beld by them," the foreign minister said, adding "these signals could encourage continued confrontation."

#### Burundi leaderless as tribal death toll mounts KIGALI, Rwanda (R) - Tribin an interview on French

al violence swept Burundi as members of a civilian government who survived a collapsed military coup refused Sunday to leave the shelter of the French embassy. Pleas from high officials, in-

cluding Salim Ahmad Salim, secretary general of the Organisation of African Unity, failed to convince the civilian rulers to leave the embassy, where they fled 10 days ago when soldiers killed President Melchior Ndadaye and six other ministers, diplomats

said. The diplomats, reached by telephone from neighbouring Rwanda, said Prime Minister Sylvie Kinigi had told Mr. Salim they feared they would be killed like Mr. Ndadaye, who was shot a few hours after the Oct. 2I coup.

Communications Minister Jean Marie Ngedahayo, the spokesman for the group, said. radio: "The members of the government are staying in the French embassy because their lives are threatened. If ever we were to step out we would get killed — it's as simple as that." Burundi Radio quoted Mr. Salim as saying Ms. Kinigi wanted foreign troops to be sent in to protect her and other

survivors of the coup, despite assurances of loyalty by her army leaders. "According to the secretarygeneral, foreign troops will have to come in sooner or later to protect the government and

other institutions," the radio

But diplomats said the United Nations was unable to supply such a military force and the OAU had no troops available - although some African states were offering assistance in response to appeals from Burundi lead-

#### Children fingerprinted after classroom heist TOKYO (R) - A Japanese

school board has rebuked a teacher who fingerprinted a classful of 10-year-olds after someone stole money from her . desk. The 28-year-old teacher took the fingerprints of about 30 pupils in hopes of finding out who took a bag with tens of thousands of yen (hundreds of dollars) collected for the local Parent Teacher Association. the Mainichi Daily News said. The bag was found n few days later by a child from another class, the report said. Several thousand yen were missing. When parents complained to the school, in Tochigi Preferture north of Tokyo, the teacher apologised, saying the theft was due to her negligence. Mainichi said the local: school board told her that fingerprinting children was going



Georgian government soldiers run for cover during fighting near the town western part of the country (AFP photo)

#### The Russian army was guarding the railway lines from the kill 7 in N. Ireland bar **Protestants**

GREYSTEEL, Northern Ireland (R) — Protestant gunmen shouting "trick or treat" walked into a Northern Ireland bar and killed at least seven people in a Halloween party massacre to avenge an IRA bombing that killed 10 people.

Eleven people were injured, several seriously, late Saturday when two gunmen wearing baseball eaps and masks walked into the packed Rising Sun Pub in Greysteel, 80 miles (120 km) northwest of Belfast, carrying submachine guns. Witnesses said they

ned Sunday to seize state powapproached a frightened teenage girl and one made the Fired up having successfully defied the United Nations. traditional "trick or treat" greeting that children worlpolitical hardliners said they dwide use to get sweets from would make their move Suntheir neighbours. day afternoon, calling for new "I don't think that's funny," elections and naming a new

the girl replied. One of the gunmen then shot her dead, the witnesses said. They sprayed the bar with fire. One of the pair emptied

his magazine, reloaded and

fired a second burst, witnesses

The Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF), an outlawed Protestant extremist group, daimed responsibility for the attack, which cast a shadow over new forts to bring neace to the

province. Catholic vouths went on the rampage in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second city, in the early hours of Sunday and bad to be dispersed by the police and the army.

LOS ANGELES (R) - Au-

thorities prepared to send fire

crews home Sunday, a sign of

victory in the battle against

southern California firestorms

that caused at least \$500 mil-

"It's time for them to go

home," said Los Angeles

County Fire Chief Ray Black-

burn. "They have our beartfelt

Cooler weather and lack of

winds helped an army of 9,000

firefighters tame the fierce

blazes that flamed for four

days and nights, destroying

more than 700 homes and scor-

ching about 190,000 acres

ening about 190,000 acres (76,890 hectares).

As people turned their clocks back one boar to standard time, firefigurers were savoring at least partial victory over the 15 wildfires that had cut a swathe of destruction and disaster along the coast.

Four were pronounced com-

lion worth of damage.

thanks."

First signs of victory

seen in California fires

The UFF said in a statement that the attack was staged to avenge a bombing last Saturday by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland that killed nine Protes-

The bomb, which went off prematurely, also killed a Catholic who had planted the bomb m a Belfast fish shop. "This is the continuation of our threat against the (Irish)

nationalist electorate that they would pay a heavy price for last Saturday's slanghter of nine Protestants," the UFF message said. The shooting brought the

death toll in sectarian killing since Saturday's IRA Belfast bombing to 23. Six Catholics were killed by Protestant death squads in the past week.

The seaside village of Greysteel is eight miles (13 km) from Londonderry, the site of some

of the original disturbances in 1969 that touched off a cycle of violence in Northern Ireland, a British province, that has since killed more than 3,000 people. A horrified Reverend Ian

Paisley, leader of the heavily Protestant Democratic Unionist Party that wants to maintain killings were inexcusable.

Rev. Paisley said the killers had learned their trade from the Irisb Republican Army (IRA), the guerrillas trying to oust Britain from the province. Irish Foreign Minister Dick

The fierce Santa Ana Winds

sweeping in from the deserts,

which bad fanned the fires-

torms that began Tuesday

night and Wednesday morn-

ing, were not forecast to return

until Tuesday or Wednesday.

they would be mere whispers

compared with the howling 60

to 70 mph (96 to 113 kph) gusts that whipped np the initial

Bolstered by the good news,

firefighters renewed their

attacks on the widespread

blazes and expressed confi-

dence that they might have

control over most of the blazes

early to be complacent. "With

Santa Anas, you can never be too careful," said Los Angeles

County Fire Captain Angel

Montoya.

Authorities suspect that six

were set

of the fires

But they warned it was too

before the winds returned.

Even then, forecasters said.

per cent contained.

Spring said: "The depths of sectarian batted which are being plumbed at the moment

can serve no purpose."
William Ross, the Ulster Unionist member of the British parliament in whose constituency the killing occurred, said it was time for the British government to consider a return to internment - detaining suspects without trial.

But Joe Hendron of the moderate Nationalist Social Democratie and Labour Party (SDLP) said such a move would be counterproductive. They'd be queueing up to join the paramilitary organisahe said.

Residents of Greysteel said the pub was packed with Halloween revellers, including both Catholics and Protestants. At least two of the dead were Protestants.

The dead included an 82year-old man, a 52-year-old woman and the 19-year-old taunted by the "trick or treat"

Local priest Father Kevin McKenna told reporters the scene in the pub after the attack was one of "total carnage". A dazed man stood over his dead wife. Injured

bar crying for help, be said. The UFF said the shooting was aimed at derailing attempts by the Irish government "to meddle in the internal affairs of Northern Ire-

## **Actor** River **Phoenix** dies at 23

Phoenix was taken to Cedars Sinai Medical Centre, where he died at 1:51 a.m. (0551 GMT), Mr. Hanser said. Anthorities refused to elaborate on Phoenix's behaviour before his collapse, saying an autopsy would determine a cause of

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Actor River Phoenix, who emerged as a young star in Stand By Me and co-starred in the offbeat My Own Private Idaho, died Sunday after collapsing ontside a nightclub. He ₩as 23.

said he was acting strangely after leaving the popular Viper Club in West Hollywood at about I a.m. (0500 GMT), said Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Haus-

Companions of the actor

#### tus needed to be resolved. The Indian government, bat-Mr. Dinesh Singh noted the United States had expressed its view at a time when India was struggling to end a prolonged standoff at the Hazratbal

tling a four-year-old Muslim uprising in the mountains of the northern state, said it was forced to surround the shrine

relic.

#### guilty to strangling puppy GARDNER, Massachusetts

Man pleads

(AFP)—A man who allegedly strangled a poodle puppy to death after it defected on his rug received a one-year suspended jail term. Todd Burnell 20 pleaded with the well, 29, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of cruelty. to an animal in the 1988 incident. He was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community service. The puppy be-longed to Burwell's landlord.

#### Judge calls for anonymity for men on rape trial

BRIGHTON, England (AFP) — Britain's top judge bas called for the names of men on trial for rape to be kept. secret after a controversial case in which a student was acquitted but faced a barrage of publicity in the press. Lord. Chief Justice Taylor made the plea at a law society conference in Brighton after the acquittal earlier this month of ence in Brighton after the ac-Austen Donnellan, who was . found not guilty of raping a fellow student after a drunken party. Mr. Donnellan faced widespread press coverage during the trial while his accuser was not allowed to be named in the press. He complained after his acquittal that the law allowed the name of innocent men to be dragged through the mud in the press. "I think it is unfair he should be exposed to the same sort of embarrassment women were exposed to that led to anonymity being given to the complainant, Taylor said. But another top judge, Master of the Rolls Sir Thomas Bingham, said he would be unhappy with a situation where there was a "creeping veil of anonymity over court proceedings. Home Secretary Michael Howard has ordered a review of the laws on naming rape victims and the accused and is considering anonymity for both complainant and the man being prosecuted.

#### Four were pronounced com-pletely extinguished and the others were between 50 and 90 by arsonists. Few celebrations as bloodied Maastricht Treaty takes effect

BRUSSELS (R) - The European Community's (EC) treaty on European union; up to now a source of bitterness and dis-cord, takes effect Monday with leaders vowing they have learned the lessons of a bruis-ing two-year battle to get it

From Nov. 1, the Community will be part of a broader European union made up of the same 12 members but with the amhitious new goals of creating a single currency by the end of the century and forging common foreign and security policies. The treaty established

"European citizenship", which in practice will mean that EC citizens can vote in local and European anywhere in the bloc and can turn to any EC embassy for help abroad.

But the wave of euphoria which carried the Community along to the treaty's signing in the Dutch city of Maastricht 21 months ago bas long since faded.

Economic boom has given way to recession. The muchvaunted EC single market has so far made little initial impact on individuals. Only the hangover remains from the giddy excitement of communism's collapse and of Germany's subsequent unification.

Many feel that the cost in high interest rates of absorbing what used to be East Germany has crippled the drive for monetary union before it is got under way, with the EC's currency rate grid battered out of shape by unforgiving financial

The treaty has become a scapegoat for popular disaffection throughout the Community, barely surviving initial rejection by Denmark's voters, narrow squeaks in Britain's parliament and in a French referendum and a tense court challenge in Germany.

So celebrations are heavily

muted. Much of Europe, including the EC's own institutions, will be on boliday Monday, but that is to mark All Saints Day and All Souls Day which fol-lows Tuesday. The timing prompted one critic. France's ultra-rightist Jean-Marie Lepen, to remark:

Nothing could better illustrate this stillborn treaty than its coming into effect on the eve of the day of the dead." The mood at Friday's summit was certainly far from enophoric, as leaders promised to correct past mistakes and struck a note of cautious optimism about the prospects for the future.

The ratification fight had revealed weaknesses, the leaders said, in a declaration that was almost contrite. "There are many to whom Europe seemed distant, anony-

mous and interfering. For that

reason, we wish to introduce

greater transparency, openness and decentralisation in our procedures. We want a Europe close to the citizen and intervening unly where necessary to pursue our common interests," they said.

Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Lue Debaene, the summit's host and chairman who saw 25.000 of his countrymen in the streets that same day to protest against his austerity plans, was particularly keen to avnid extravagant rhetoric. This treaty is not a miracle cure, but it can contribute to

bringing about solutions to some of the problems which confront our citizens," be said. The summit itself made little progress on those problems, but did agree that the future EC Central Bank, the European Monetary Institute, will' hard won package deal on sit-

ing new EC institutions. Seen as a gesture to reassure sceptical Germans that the

single EC currency will be as solid and stable as the German mark it will replace, the decision was evidence that the EC is elinging to the monetary union goal.

But action to boost economie growth and reduce unemployment - now the main preoccupations - will wait until the next summit in December while the time bomb of the GATT world trade talks was left still ticking in a corner of the communique. The summit's attempt to find

new ways to bring aid to the victims of the war in former Yugoslavia served as another reminder of the EC's policy failures there and the struggle it faces to restore it credibility as a force in world affairs. The new treaty creating the

European union, likened by critics to the ugly child of a painful birth, is a complex legal text composed of three main

The first is the old European

Community, which is over-hauled to take on some new responsibilities while giving the European Parliament modest extra powers in some areas of

Most important, that section of the treaty contains all the provisions for economie and monetary union, with a timetable leading to a single curren-cy no later than 1999.

The section on common foreign and security policy sets out rules for agreeing joint actions of the 12 members. The summit identified the Middle East, former Yugoslavia, South Africa and a stability plan for Europe as the first priority areas.

The third pillar aims to encourage closer cooperation in justice and home affairs, such as the fight against drugs trafficking, terrorism and organised crime and the sensitive issues of asylum and immigration policy.



seize power.

# Argentina, Australia play to 1-1 draw

SYDNEY, Australia (Agencies) — Diego Maradona conjured up one piece of magical artistry Sunday night as Argentina played to a 1-1 draw with Australia in a first-leg World Cup socret qualifying match at the Sydney Football Stadium. Maradona marked his comeback to international soccer by creating the opening goal for striker Abel Balbo in the 37th

Midfielder Aurelio Vidmar equalised for Australia in the 42nd minute of a hard-fought contest.

"When we scored I thought the game was ours, but their goal so soon to equalise really took us by surprise," said Argentine coach Alfio Basile.

The second leg match is scheduled on Nov. 17 in Buenos

Aires, with the winner on aggregate advancing to the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States.

Maradona, 33, was playing for the national team for the first time since February.

The controversial playmaker, who was suspended for 15 months after failing a drug test in 1991, was sacked by Spanish club Seville in June and had played only two matches since.

Australian captain Paul Wade marked Maradona effectively and he was able to shine only on rare occasions. For much of the match, Maradona played at a walking pace.

But when he did strike, he was awesome Maradona created his team's goal after robbing Australian

sweeper Milan Ivanovic of possession. He whipped a pinpoint left-footed cross from the right wing and Roma spearhead Balbo soared high to bead the ball past the despairing dive of Australian goalkeeper Mark Bosnich.

If was Argentina's first strike on goal in the match.
Argentina coach Alfio Basile said: "We have no fear of
Australia, but we had respect for Australia before the game and after we have even more respect.

"I thought we played well tonight, but I think in Argentina we will play better."

Australian coach Eddie Thomson said: "We showed in the first half that we could match the Argentines. We created a lot of chances but we were unfortunate not to finish them off." Thompson also had special praise for defender Paul Wade for his marking of Maradona.

"Wade did a good job marking Maradona. He kept him quiet most of the match except for that moment when Maradona set np their goal," said Thompson.

Wade, who equalled the Australian record of 64 appear-

ances Sunday, sounded a defiant warning for the second leg. "We showed tonight that we can play with the best. I'm not going to be so bold and say we are going to do a Colombia, but watch out."

The Argentine team was completely revamped from the one that lost 5-0 to Colombia last month — a defeat that resulted in Argentina having to face the unheralded Australians.

Fernando Redondo was mobile and powerful in midfield, while strikers Balbo and Gabriel Batistuta worked hard despite a lack of support from their playmakers.

The Argentine players were delighted and relieved with the result, embracing each nther at the final whistle. Maradona, however, received a yellow card cautinn for dissent from Hungarian referee Sandor Puhl in the 89th minnte. Basile said he was satisfied with Maradona's limited

"I thought he played well after such a long break," Basile

said. "He was clever to create the goal." The match was delayed for seven minntes at halftime when the floodlights failed. Stadium officials said the problem had

been caused by a power surge.

Australia is bidding to advance to the finals for the first time since 1974, while Argentina won in 1986 and was runner-up in

The match was watched by a stadium record crowd of

Carbajal pummels Sosa,

# Austrian storms to World Cup giant slalom win

SOELDEN, Austria (R) -Austrian Anita Wachter made a perfect start to the defence of her overall World Cup title. when she stormed to a convincing victory in Sunday's opening women's giant slalom race.

The lightweight Wachter, fondly nicknamed "the flea from Montafon," left ber rivals m her wake to win by 2.63 seconds on the 3,000 metrehigh Rettenbach Glacier Piste, with Frenchwomen taking second and third places.

She skied the course, which had a vertical drop of 350

LONDON (R) — Giant Shaquille O'Neal inspired the

Orlando Magic to a comfort-

able 120-95 success over the

Atlanta Hawks in the first ever

clash between two NBA clubs

in Europe.

**Shaq leads Orlando** 

metres, in an overall time of two minutes 14.57 seconds.

Sophie Lefrane, in only her second World Cup season, outskied her more experienced compatriot, giant slalom world chamion Carole Merle, to fin-ish second in 2:17.20 over the two legs. Merle clocked

fourth in the first leg despite starting way back in the field at

Merle, the giant slalom World Cup champion, was fas-ter than Lefranc in the middle of the second leg but, like many racers before her, lost time on the lower half as sun slowed down the powder-snow

Wachter, second to Merle in · last season's giant slalom donw the technically demanding course to increase her

Boxing Council and Interna-

tional Boxing Federation light

the fifth round after Sosa's

manager threw in the towel.

The undefeated Carbajal,

silver medallist at the 1988

Olympics, scored bis 30th vic-

tory while Sosa's record fell to

Carbajal was surprised Sosa

"It just seemed like he

fought on instinct. I was sur-

prised he stayed up so long. He

took some good punches and wouldn't go down," the cham-

Carbajal knocked down

Sosa at 1:23 in the first round

with a left tn the body and right

to the head. It was the first

time Sosa had been knocked

Carbajal dominated the fight

lasted as long as he did.

pion said.

telephone.

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flyweight titles Saturday, Referee Bobby Ferrara stop-ped the fight 48 seconds into

Swiss veteran Vreni Schneider, who holds a record 20 World Cup giant slalom wins, finished fourth after a powerful second run but paid for a slow first leg.

Germany's overall World Cup runner-up Katja Seizinger clocked 2:17.98 to move up from 15th place in the first leg to sixth overall.

Austria's Sylvia Eder was unable to bold onto her third position after the first leg when she clocked a disappointing overall time of 2:18.73.

despite suffering a cut above

his right eye in the second

round due to an accidential

head butt. Carbajal, sporting a new mohawk haircut, was

bleeding after the head butt.

the cut was on top of my head," Carbajal said. "I was

bleeding a lot and once in a

while it would get into my eye

and everything was blurry, but I would just back up and shake

Carbajal said that after the

cut, "I still took my time and

With 10 seconds remaining

in the fourth round, Carbajal

connected with a right to the

head, stunning Sosa, However,

Sosa survived — briefly.

time ran out in the round and

Some felt the referee should

have stopped the fight sooner

but Carbajal's brother and

trainer Danny said: "Bobby

(Ferrara) is a good ref. He

gave him every chance to fight

because it was for the cham-

pionship, but his corner knows

him better than the ref."

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"I wasn't worried because

#### (AFP) - China's ontstanding group of women athletes gave another demonstration of their domination of world distance was carrying. Wang said afterwards she running with a clean sweep of the medals at the World

Marathon Cup here Sunday. But the anticipated assault on Ingrid Kristiensen's eight year old world record at the distance was doomed within the first 10km as Wang Yunxia, the world 10,000 champion

and record holder, followed the slow early pace set by American Ann Boyd. Wang finally broke away from the leading group of 10 athletes at the 30km mark athletes did." when the leading men — whn had started 15 minutes later —

caught the group and disturbed its rhythm. She went nn to win in 2:28.16, an impressive time but nearly three minntes slower than her marathon debut in

Gullit ends Milan's

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Her teammates Zhang Linli,
Zhang Lirong and Ma Liyan followed her bome in that order but world 1,500m record

ROME (R) - Ruud Gullit

struck a fairy-tale winner

against his former club Milan

as Sampdoria ended the cham-

pions' record two-year run at the top of the league with a

thrilling 3-2 victory Sunday.

Gullit crashed home a cross-

shot 12 minutes from time to

cap a memorable fightback by

Sampdoria, who scored three

times in the second half to

Sampdoria and Juventus, 4-0

winners over 10-man Genoa,

both leap over Milan. The top two have 15 points from 10

overturn a 2-0 deficit.

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SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain

holder Qu Yunxia, the fifth member of coach Ma Junren's squad on display here, limped out of the race after only 7km after straining a leg injury she

had felt the impact of the World Championships in Stuttgart and her record-breaking exploits at the Chinese National Championships in Septem-

"Most of us broke existing world records at the national games and we were all very tired. We knew that so we just took it easy at the beginning and followed what the other

She also admitted that she had been hurt by the wide-spread suspicion of doping that greeted her 3,000m and 10,000m records. "After all the hard work we have done, why should some people take this

attitude," she said.
"If other people break our records we will be pleased for them. So why are we the Chinese accused

By bringing his prodigies to

games, one ahead of the cham-

Milan had not been dis

lodged from top spot since

hitting the front on Oct. 20,

1991. It was also their first

away defeat in the league for

Inventus captain Roberto

Baggio scored a hat-trick to

complete 100 goals in serie A,

at an average of better than

one every two games. Cup Winners' Cup holders

Parma are level on points with

Milan and will go clear at the

top if they win their tough

fixture away to Internazionale.

almost 21/2 years.

# Chinese athletics revolution rolls on this event Ma will have gone a

long way to boosting the credibility of his methods and breaking down cynicism in the West. Sceptics claim the intensity

of his training - his athletes, all women, run the equivalent of a marathon a day at altitude - can only be borne with the aid of drugs. But Ma insists traditional

Chinese nutritional principles and herbal products are what enables a waif-like 20-year-old like Wang to survive and even

thrive on his regime.

He said this week his runners were ready to have blood tests which can detect signs of doping the traditional urine test does not expose.

Ma's dream is to prove to the world that his system can produce an athlete capable of competing at the highest level from 1,500m through to the Kristiensen's record sur-

vived Sunday but there was nothing in Wang's perform-ance to suggest it will not fall in the next year, possibly at the London Marathon next April. Negotiations are already underway to bring them to London but the outcome will depend on the say-so of the

Chinese Athletics Federation. Sunday's clean sweep earned Ma's outfit nearly \$120,000 which is to be used to fund a

The extent to which the Chinese have broken down the mittal scepticism about their performances was demonstrated by a glowing tribute from Britain's Righard Nerurkar, the winner of the men's

"They have set up an incredible training have and set new standards in training and therefore performance," the 29-year-old former teacher

"Those standards have re-volutionised women's distance running and what we saw today was a reflection of that."
Naerurkar broke away from

the leading pack font kilometres from the finish to win in a time of 2hr 10min 3sec. shaving nearty a minute from the time he registered in winning his debut Marathon in Hamburg in April.
As befits a multi-lingual

graduate of Oxford and Harvard Universities, it was an astutely-judged run.

Nobody in the group of nine to 12 that had led the race most of the way was able to live with him as he opened up a 50m gap in a two-minute burst just as the route turned slightly uphill towards the finish.

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#### standings, set an almost un-The performance by Lefbeatable lead of nearly 1.5 ranc, 22, was all the more spectacular after she finished seconds over Merie in the first leg and held a perfect line

Magic to London triumph retains boxing titles huge 2.16 metre O'Neal para-PHOENIX, Arizona (R) — American Michael Carbajal de his talents. A shade ponderous early on, pummelled Dominican the 21-year-old NBA Rookie Domingo Sosa for more than of the Year moved up a gear four rounds to retain his World

A capacity 9,500 crowd at London's Wembley Arena warmed to the NBA showbizer points in the third period and

coasted home.

figures. Orlando coach Brian Hill

bit and we shot well in the third 'and fourth quarters."

style and O'Neal, hailed as a successor to Michael Jordan, ing minutes of the final quarshone on the night, topscoring for Orlando with 23 points. With a 21-point lead two The Hawks got off to a flying minutes from time, Orlando start and led 32-13 midway

Atlanta to topscore with 29

said: "I was pleased with the end result obviously. But I didn't like the way we started

defensive rebounding was nonexistent. Our defence was really very poor, but I thought we regained our composure a little

compete, and declarer would rack up 10 tricks in quick time. Mark Itaha-shi of Murrieta, Calif., is not among

them. He doubled and, as a result.

them. He doubled and, as a result, his partner, Ron Sukoneck of An-nandale. Va., became declarer at four spades. West led the ixing of hearts, on

which declarer dropped the three. Unsure as 10 who held the deuce and

Unsure as 10 who held the deuce and reluctant 10 concede a possible ruff-sluff. West shifted to the singleton club. Declarer won in dummy, came to hand with the king of diamonds and led a low trump. West's jack was a pleasant surprise. East allowed the king to win, was with the ace on the spade continuation and exited with a smade.

Declarer won, cashed a high chih

Note that a heart continuation at

and the act of diamonds, then led a heart. Instead of ruffing, declarer discarded the table's diamond loser.

#### and two spectacular baskets just before halftime helped the Magic to a 51-50 interval lead. They stretched it to eight

turned on the heat in the clos-

points and Dominique Wilkins, oozing class and composure, helped with 16. But Craig Ehlo with 12 was the only other man to reach double

the game.
"Our energy level and our

the same venue Sunday night as part of their warmup for the NBA season, starting next Their appearance in Eng-

But with O'Neal exerting

increasing influence, Orlando went into the lead for the first

time at 46-45 just before half-

time and from then on were

The two teams meet again at

the better side.

land has sparked huge public interest, rewarding the NBA's aim of spreading the U.S. basketball message.

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discarded the inners diamond loser. West had to win perforce and left with mathing but hearts, was forced to yield the ruff-shift that he feared at trick two Declarer's club loser went away and the contract rolled

North American Champsonships in

After West's four-bears opening trick two drams the contract. De-clarer cannot avoid a loser in each min for down one. but many players would pass with the North hand, as would South, who easid scarcely be expected to

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#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Jordan-Gulf Bank gets new chief

AMMAN (J.T.) - The newly elected board of directors for Jordan-Gulf Bank had appointed Mohammad Jamjoum as the bank's general manager. Mr. Jamjoum, a banking veteran, was the general manager of Jordan Kuwait Bank for the last three years. He aquired his banking skills throughoot his (28) years experience in New York, London, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain banks.

#### Prince Charles to push for arms sales

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Prince Charles will visit an international air show in the Gulf next week to support Britain's arms sales in the region, organisers said Sunday. The heir to the British throne will meet senior government officials in the United Arah Emirates (UAE) when he visits Abu Dhabi before going to the show in oeighbouring Dubai, the Londonbased Fairs and Exhibition said. Britain, one of the top three arms suppliers to the Middle East, is sending 68 companies to the Nov. 7-11 show, which will include nearly 80 types of aircraft and air defence systems. Besides Britain, France, the United States, Russia, China, Ukraine and around 30 other countries will be represented by 450 companies at the show, which will also feature demonstrations.

#### Israel may no longer define PLO as 'terrorist'

TEL AVIV (AP) - Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday that in wake of Israel's peace accord with the Palestinians, the government was weighing whether to stop calling the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) a "terrorist Organisation." Mr. Peres was asked by Israel Radio if the cabinet would discuss changing its definition of the PLO during its weekly meeting. "I know they are working on it, that they are working on the legal aspect of what could be achieved, what legal conclusions can be drawn from the change in the political situation," Mr. Peres said. In January parliament repealed a 1986 ammendment that called for prosecuting and imprisoning Israelis that met with members of "terrorist" organisations, mostly directed at the PLO. However, the ammendment's repeal did not change the definition of the PLO as a

#### israel to buy F-15A warplanes — report

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israel plans to huy at least 20 F-15A warplanes, which have so far only been in service in the U.S. Air Force, Haaretz newspaper said Sunday. Defence ministry spokesman Oded Ben Ami declined to confirm or deny the report that Israel wanted between 20 and 24 of the planes. The U.S. government is expected to state the exact cost of the planes by Tuesday, said Haaretz. Its defence correspondent said Saudi Arabia, which has bought 72 F-15As, would receive a less sophisticated version. The F-15A has a long range, and from Israel it could reach Iraq or Iran. The plane costs around

#### Archaeologists: Oldest fortress wall found

TEL AVIV (AP) — The world's oldest known fortress wall was uncovered receotly in central Israel, an antiquities authority statement said Sanday. The wall, found near the central coastal town of Hadera, dates from the fourth millenia B.C., the statement qooted archaeologist Eli Yanai as sayiog The 1.1-metre wall protected villages along a strategic road. The finds, uncovered during excavations to widen the highway connecting Hadera with Afula in the northeast, including a 25-metre stretch of wall and a watchtower. The wall originally surrounded an 800-dunam site. Also uncovered at the site were the skeletons of a young couple and the house of a well-to-do- family in which a rare copper axe was found.

#### 3 robbers hanged in public in Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) — Three people convicted of murder and armed robbery have been hanged in public in northwestern Iran, Kayhan newspaper reported here Sunday. The three were sentenced to death by a revolutionary court in Orumieh after they were found guilty of killing an Iraqi citizen, armed robbery and terrorising the public, the newspaper said. It did not say when the sentence was carried ont. The meo had appealed to the supreme court against the decision. They belonged to two gangs which were hroken up recently. Nine other members of the gangs have been given long prison terms or have been exiled, according to the newspaper. Four convicted robbers were executed in April in Sirjan, southwest Iran. Armed robbery is a crime punishable by death in Iran.

#### Dubai's television to spread through West

'DUBA1 (AP) — Emirates Dubai Television (EDTV) will inaugurate a 24-hour satellite service Dec. 6 to become the first Arabic-language station to reach both the European and American contioeots, officials said Sunday. Riyad Al Shuaibi, information adviser to the government of Dubai, one of the seven sheikhdoms confederated in the United Arah Emirates. described the plan as "a landmark development in the history of Arah broadcasting." EDTV will use Eutelsat II for its link to Europe, and Galaxy VII to reach Canada, the United States and Central America as far south as Venezuela. He said 14 million Arabs on both sides of the Atlantic will he able to pick op EDTV. "Our service will provide a single hridge between Arah expatriates and their oative countries," he said.

## '2 colonels led Libya coup bid'

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Two army colonels close to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi mounted a coup bid from Oct. 11-14 but it was put down, an Arab newspaper reported Sun-

day.
The London-based Al Hayat said Colonel Hassan Al Kehir and Col. Rifi Ali Al Sherif staged the revolt counting on. unease in the army" because vages had not been paid for everal months.

Quoting unidentified Libyan sources, it said almost 200 people were killed as the revolt was put down using the air force. Col. Kebir was arrested but Col. Sherif escaped to Geneva.

The revolt was launching in the Bani Walid region, 170 kilometres south of Tripoli, Al Hayat said, and spread to several garrisons but without

reaching the capital. Colonel Qadhafi has denied any military rebellion took place and accused British intelligeoee of spreading rumours aimed at demoralising

the Libyan people.
In Cairo, the opposition
National Front for the Salvation of Libya claimed responsi-bility for the revolt and said the army "went into action" last week against hundreds of re-bels still dug in near Bani

Walid.

"The attempt was curbed after fierce and hloody confrontations which lasted three days and which led to the killing of between 500 and 2,000 people," Al Hayat said, quoting sources close to the

Libyan government.
It said the revolt began in military barracks in Bani Walid and the sonthern town of Birak, and later spread to Gharyan, south of Tripoli, and Tarhunah to the east.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying the Libyan air force "played a decisive role in crushing the revolt." They said non-Libyan Arab pilots flew Lihya's Russianmade MiG warplanes and bombed barracks where dissidents had gathered.

Security forces led by Col. Khalifa Huneish and revolutionary guard units headed by Col. Mohammad Al Majzouh launched the ground assault using tanks, armoured personnel carriers, rocket launchers and other weapons.

Most of those arrested were officers and Mnslim fundamentalists, the sources

Lihya's security apparatus was on maximum alert and most of the troublespots were

scaled off, the sources said. "The surprise was the in-volvement of officers from the tribe of Warfala in Bani Walid in the coup d'etat attempt, the trihe considered closest to

Qadhafi," the report said. Al Hayat said Libya's exiled opposition was not involved. There has been no confirmation that the dissidents had links with a foreign coun-

'try," the sources said. Western and Arah diplomats based in Tripoli said they believe Libyan security forces crushed some kind of armed resistance in October near the central city of Misratah. They said there had since been arrests and house searches in Tripoli.

# U.N. fails to find 'hidden Scuds'

BAHRAIN (AP) — A U.N.weapons inspection team did not find any hidden Scud missiles or any other prohibited arms during a month-long sweep of Iraq, the team leader said Sunday. U.S. and other Western in-

telligence reports have conteoded Iraq has hidden more than 200 Scud type missiles from U.N. inspectors.

However, team leader Nikita Smidovich, a Russian expert with the U.N. special commission, told reporters Sunday his team of 50 to 100 inspectors found no evidence of hiddeo missiles during a search he called thorough.

"We found oo prohibited items," said Mr. Smidovich, who returned from Iraq m Saturday.

He said the team used helicopter-mounted "ground penetrating radar" to search for possible storage sites for prohibited weapons, primarily missiles.

The airborne sweeps were coupled by searches of Iraqi facilities by teams of weapons inspectors who would arrive at a particular site on short notice to limit the Iraqi ability to hide prohibited items, said Mr. Smi-

For the mission, Mr. Smido-

vich and his team had pooled all the secret information provided to the commission since it began its task by mandate of the Security Council's Gulf war

ceasefire resolution early 1991. "The ioformation available was dealiog primarily with missiles." said Mr. Smidovich. Their search for still hidden

chemical and biological weapons supplies also turned out to be negative, he said. The commission has destroyed three so-called superguns, scores of Scods and their variants and all the nuclear, chemical and biological weapons facilities and stock that had been declared hy Iraq

during 62 previous inspections. Of more than 800 long-range Scuds provided by the former Soviet Union, Iraq had fired 43 at Saudi Arabia, 39 at Israel, one at Oatar and two at

or found hy the United Nations

Bahrain during the Gulf war. The Scuds had also been widely used by the Iraqis dur-ing the so-called "war of the cities" during the latter part of the 1980-88 hostilities with Iran.

However, the U.N. special commission said by its count some missiles are still onaccounted for. It based its

missiles destroyed over the past three years and on the number Iraq is thought to have acquired from Moscow.

Iraq claims all the missiles have been destroyed. It said the missiles still considered missing by the U.N. were fired in the early years of the war with Iraq or used in test firings.

The inspection teams' failure to find any hidden weapons. could bolster the position of Iraqi Deputy Premier Tariq Aziz wheo he goes to New York next month to push for the lifting of the oil embargo clamped on Iraq after its August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

However, even if the Security Council concludes that there are oo more weapons hidden in Iraq, Baghdad still must accept a Security Council resolution that puts in place a long-term monitoring plan to ensure it does oot revive its programme for weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Smidovich told reporters that Iraq did oot ioterfere with the latest inspections.

"Iraq provided all of the support oeeded for the inspec-tion activities," said Mr. Smi-dovich. "We had no problems with gaining access.'

# 44 'Vanguards' sentenced in Egypt

CAIRO (Agencies) - An Egyptian military court jailed 44 Islamic militants Sunday for terms of up to 15 years for plotting against the govern-ment, a day after it condemned to death eight other members

of their group.
The 51 defendants, who were in a cage, and their fami-lies burst into Islamic chants and tears as the verdict was read out in the Cairo state security court.

The hearing marked the final session in a mass trial of militants accused of belooging to the Talaeh Al Fatah (Vanguard of the Conquest). In court, the militants swore that President Hosni Mubarak would be assassinated like his predecessor Anwar Al Sadat in 1981, at the hands of Islamic

fighters.

Khaled Al Islambouli killed Sadat with a bullet which pierced his rotten head. That will also be the fate of Mnbarak," one of the defendants told AFP through the bars of the

President Mubarak transferred trials of suspected militants to military courts last December, in an effort to secure swift

and harsh senteoces. The three alleged leaders in Sooday's group were sent-enced to eight, 10 and 15 years' hard labour.

One militant received a term of six years' hard labour, 1I more were given five-year prison terms and 29 others were sentenced to three years in prison. The state security court acquitted another 22.

They were all accused of belonging to the Talach Al Fatah "with the aim of overthrowing the government and organising themselves to carry out murders and thefts."

# **State Security Court warns defence** team against not attending hearings

AMMAN (J.T.) — The State Security Court, which is trying 10 people on charges of plot-ting to assassinate His Majesty King Hussein, Sunday warned defence lawyers that it would have to proceed without them if they absent themselves from

court without any reason. The court, presided over hy

Colonel Hafez Amin, had to adjourn Sunday's session until Tuesday due to the absence of the lawyers for eight of the defendants in court. Two are being tried in absentia. Despite the court's notifica-

tion of the lawyers about the date of a court session to review medical reports, the lawyers were not present in court, said a court statement. The court was to have dis-

cussed with the lawyers reports submitted by the doctors and psychiatrists about the condition of the defendants in jail' npon the request of the defence lawyers themselves, the

### Sudan gets new cabinet with little changes

CAIRO (Agencies) — Sudanese Presideot Omar Has-san Al Bashir late Saturday announced the composition of a new government, with few changes from the outgoing

General Bashir confirmed the October 20 cominations of Al Zubair Mahmoud Saleh and Hassan Abdul Rahman as vicepresident and defence minister respectively. Gen. Beshir had previously held the defence portfolio himself.

The oew administration. which was announced after a 10-day wait, has dropped Ficance Minister Abdul Rahim Hamdi and Culture and In-formation Minister Suleiman Mohammad Suleiman.

Abdullah Hassan Ahmad, outgoing general manager of the Faisal Islamic Bank and chairman of the banks' union, was given the finance portfolio, the only new member of

the government.

Mr. Hamdi had been closely associated with tough economic reforms welcomed by the International Monetary fund hut unpopular among Sudanese because they have

resulted in huge price rises. Mr. Ahmad, who replaced Mr. Hamdi, is known as a proponent of market-oriented economics and his appointment means reforms initiated by Mr. Hamdi are likely to

continue. Hussein Suliman Ahu Saleh wa retained as foreign minis-ter, while Brigadier Suleiman was replaced at the Culture Ministry by former Education Minister Abdul Basset Sabdarat, whose own portfolio was taken up hy Ibrahim Ahmad

The new cabinet replaced the government which stood down on Oct. 17 following the dissolution of Sudan's Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), which had run the country since a 1989 coup against democratically elected

The outgoing team formally appointed Gen. Bashir presi-

Two members of the former RCC, Colonel Bakri Hassan Salih and Lieutenant-Colonel Ibrahim Shamseddin, were named special advisors to the president.

#### Queen to visit British army in 'Pied Piper' town

BONN (AFP) - Quoen Elizabeth II of England will be in Germany Wednesday and Thursday for a visit of inspec-tion to soldiers of the Route Engineers stationed in Hamela (Hamelin), the British Color (Hamelin), the British cabassy here announced She will also meet officials in the Lower Saxony town famed for its legendary Pied Piper. As part of her military inspection, the queen will cross a postoon the defice bridge slung over the Weser of the River by the Royal Engineers and visit some of them in their

#### China detains author of book on East Europe

barracks.

BEUING (R) — China de tained the author of a banned book on Eastern Europe for more than 30 hours, accusing him of sowing "confusion among the masses" with his writings on the collapse of communism, the writer said Sunday. Officials saying they were from the police and pubgese mission lishing authorities picked up Ma Shaohua, 24, Friday, hours before he was one to hold a seminar on the situation in Eastern Europe, Mr. Ma said in a telephone interview from 1.51 the central city of Xian. They released him late Saturday after he had refused to eat while in custody. "I am going to see them," Mr. Ma. said. "They are afraid of what they think is 

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He added: "They are afraid I have some purpose in writing what I write." He quoted the official as saying: "You are creating thought confusion among the masses." The subject of the collapse of world socialism is an extremely sensitive one for China's elderly leaders, who are determined not to allow political chaos in the world's last remaining Communist giant. The Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet empire disintegrated only months after Beijing ordered its army to crush pro-democracy demoncentred or men Square on June 4, 1989. Mr. Må, whose book Eastern Europe 1989-1993 was banned shortly after it was published in September, was himself held without trial for 18 months after the military crackdown for his role as a member of the. standing committee of the Beijing Students Autonomous Federation, which helped organise the demonstrations.

#### **New Russian** spies said to be civilised

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian intelligence has sharply re-

duced the number of agents

and streamlined its operations to cut out ideology, a top adviser to the service said in an interview Saturday. "We have cut the number of agents in the centre and abroad by 30 per cent to 40 per cent in the last two years and closed intelligence stations in about 30 countries," retired Gen. Vadim Kirpichenko told the military newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda. "We have also abandoned a global approach and are no longer trying to maintain our presence in most remote corners of the world," said Mr. Kirpichenko, who heads a group of advisers to the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service. He said Russian agents would only be sent where Russia has real national interests. "We no longer have an enemy," Mr. Kirpichenko said. "We now plan our work oo geographic principles." The old Soviet KGB was divided into separate iotelligence and counter-espionage services after the failed August 1991 hardline, coup. The first became the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service and the latter was taken over by the Russian Security Ministry. Mr. Kirpichenko said Russian intelligence was cooperating with other spy agencies, "jointly fighting international crime and drug traffic, illegal arms these probe tion. We now provide the Russian leadership with ideology free information," he said. Mr. Kirpichenko, a KGB foreign intelligence officer for several decades, also said the service no longer uses "uncivilised methods" such as drugging and

hlackmail to get information.

#### Karak turns tribal in run-up to elections agaiost Jordan's economic

(Continued from page 1) votes; they are strangers to said a salesman, who explained that the posters of candidates on his shop windows were put up by some friends but did not mean his own endorsement of any of the candidates - of whom he

hardly knows anything. Political activists admit there has been a setback in political mobilisation over the last four years. Traditionalists and conservatives, who mainly rely on their infloence in the government, have taken advantage of this setback by offering to deliver services that opposition party members could not afford.

"People are interested in getting their sons appointed m government and public offices or enrolling their sons and daughters in Jordan's universities and colleges.' said one activist.

But such "services" could only be delivered by personalities who have served in many government and even security posts, the activist

There is little interest in political affairs here. People are more concerned with their daily lives and direct economic needs," said Abdul Hadi Al Majali, the official candidate of the influential Majali tribe, as people continoed pouring into his tent in Yarout outside the city of Karak.

Mr. Majali seems to be the perfect example of a deputy for his influence and contacts

in government.

He has served in many important posts, iocluding chief of staff and police chief as well as ambassador to Washington. The candidate does not waste time discussing political issues, whether it is the Middle East peace process or domestic policies,

The constituency he appeals to, Mr. Majali explains, fully supports His Majesty King Hussein and all of his policies.

"Jordanian policies are determined by His Majesty, and the tribe is aware of that and supports him." said Sheikh

Sultan Al Majali, the chief of chiefs of the Majalis who added that the tribe did not believe in party activities.

The statement hy the sheikh reflects, to varying extent, a conclusion by many in Karak that the Parliament is not capable of changing policies or doing moch about

Although Mr. Majali is a leader of Al Ahd conservative party, the sheikh of sheikhs of his clan emphasised that the tribe's selection had nothing to do with the party.
"We are not coocerned

with the party. We support Abdul Hadi for his personal qualities and his long record in the government. The Majalis need a man in a good positioo as the tribe deserves," says Sheikh Majali. whose youthful face and energy make him like younger than his fifty-five years. He added emphatically that the clan does oot recog-nise the other three candidates from the same tribe and that it disavows those who belong to the Muslim Brotherhood. For Sheikh Sultan there is no allegiance

or affiliation that supercedes that to the tribe. In practice, however, the tribal elders are forging an alliance with more modern and conservative city politicians. Bin if conservative politi-

cians who usually live in Aminan find it natural and convenient to fall back on trihal affiliations and structures to. assert their influence especially after the system has extended to include more liberal and leftist trends in the decision-making process, the problem is different for the layman who might support conservative candidates.

Candidates and former deputies say that people come to them to ask them to use their connections to fied them government jobs. The people's expectations of such "services" underscore

the continuing unemployment problem and poor living standards. Karak had been the first to join the protests that erupted

programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in neighbouring Ma'an in April 1989. It was political activists from Karak who were the first to articulate political demands of the people in the south. That demands were soon endorsed by professional associations across the Kingdom.

Since then, Jordan has taken long strides towards democratisation that involved lifting most security and political constraints oo political activities and freedom of expression.

Leftist candidates, like Mr. Mdanat, have a long list of achievements of the former Parliament that they boast of to their constituency. To Mr. Mdanat, who is now in his sixties, it has been a long struggle and the achievements that he cites - such as lifting martial law — has a dramatic impact on him and oo thousands of Karaki activists who had spent years in prison and were denied work or travel.

But for maoy senior citizens in Karak, who were not actively involved in politics in the past, and the younger generatioo (people in their twenties) who do not relate to the political history of Karak in the predemocratisation era, achievement could ooly he felt through tangihle improve-ments io the standards of living.

From this perspective, Parliament could not affect fundameotal changes as the government remained committed to the IMF economic adjustment programme and the situation has not changed to the better for the limited income groups which constitute the majority of Jordanians in the south since they are mainly workers and employees in the government

Thus for some voters the choice between a "progressive candidate" who vows to defend the workers' and farmers rights is not necessarily as attractive as promises by some conservative candidates to build labour-intensive light industries. "The setback of organised

political parties, particularly leftists, has a lot to do with Parliament's performance," said Mr. Tarawneh, an independent pan-Arabist candidate who is disillusioned with the left, and Parliament.

In his view, the appeal of the opposition parties in Karak has been declining partly due to the "growing resemblance hetween the government's stands and those of the parties."

"People do not find any real distinction between the two. The parties have been accommodating the government to the point that they have lost their distinctive role as opposition," charged Mr. Tarawneh, who runs his campaign from a modest office, fired with the goal of mobilising people against injustices if he did not win.

Mr. Tarawneh's criticism of leftist parties, however, does not dampen his anger at "violations and interferences against the left."

Back at the strategicallylocated headquarter of Mr. Mdanat, the articulate former deputy, has a more positive attitude as he makes a randown of the achievements of the four years pointing out that it is long path towards affecting and ensuring the implementation of laws and legislation that lay the founda-tions of a solid pluralistic

Yet Mr. Mdanat and his supporters share the same anger, heard, expressed hy other leftist candidates and supporters, against violations committed by the conservatives' campaigns and candi-dates — whom many suspect are supported by some "influential people" in Amman. Mr. Mdanat finally decides

to send a memo to the executive branch in Amman - for him and others the contest is not just aimed at winning seats hut to prevent a setback in the democratisation process as a result of the heated conflict between conservatives, Islamists and leftists in the country.

